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POLITICS ASIDE: Presidential candidates Sens. John McCain, left, and Barack Obama toss flowers into the reflecting pool at Ground Zero to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks Thursday. As McCain and Obama put politics aside for the day, solemn ceremonies were held across the country. ✣ **Pentagon tribute:** Bush helps dedicate new memorial | Page 8

Lehman In Search Of Lifeline

U.S. works to arrange sale of 4th-largest investment bank

NEW YORK | Its future in jeopardy and options dwindling, Lehman Brothers scoured Wall Street on Thursday for a financial lifeline. Top executives contacted banks and rival investment houses about a possible deal to buy the company, bankers and industry executives close to the situation said.

The fourth-largest U.S. investment bank, which had tenaciously resisted putting itself up for sale, finally relented after a free fall in its stock price and growing doubts about whether other financial institutions would continue to do business with it, the officials said. They asked not to be named because they are not authorized to comment publicly.

The Washington Post reported late Thursday that the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve are arranging a sale through a consortium of private firms. It said the deal has not been finalized, but quoted unnamed sources as saying it could be announced this weekend.

Government officials who asked for anonymity cautioned that a number of options were still being explored and that no decisions had been reached on how any deal to rescue Lehman would be structured. (AP)

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A businessman said he was so frustrated with the condition of a public bathroom in Saugatuck, Mich., that he cleaned it himself and billed the city $156. Steve Oswald said customers of his shop complained Aug. 9 about the condition of the bathroom. Oswald checked it out and said he "wouldn't have sat down there." City Manager Kirk Harrier said the bathroom typically is cleaned twice daily, and he thinks it got dirty quickly because it was a busy tourist weekend. Harrier said the city appreciates Oswald's effort, but the city council hasn't decided whether to pay him. (AP)

REPORTING

Stupid Question Gets Obvious Answer

A lucky cat owes one of its nine lives to a firefighter who revived it with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Al Machado of New Bedford, Mass., rescued the cat from a burning apartment Tuesday. Machado began performing mouth to mouth on the animal as he carried it outside. Video shot at the scene shows Machado bent over, breathing into the cat's mouth several times. The cat, a tiger angora, was revived and resting comfortably soon after. When asked by a local newspaper what it tasted like to give mouth-to-mouth to a cat, Machado laughed, grimaced and said: "Like fur." (AP)

LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

PUBLIC ART

Flush With Life

An exhibit at Greece's Athens Green Design Festival on Sept. 11 perhaps sends mixed messages to viewers. A glowing globe in a toilet (above it hangs a mirror marked "You Are Here") could suggest a highly negative worldview. Aimed at fostering a better understanding of environmental and ecological issues, the festival invited more than 70 architects, industrial and graphic designers, and fashion and street artists to show their work until Oct. 1. (EXPRESS)

FURTHER EVIDENCE

Why Humans Aren't Born With Wheels

A middle school teacher suffered some bruising and a big scratch on his back after he struck a bear while riding his bicycle to school. Jim Litz said he was traveling about 25 mph Monday morning when he came upon a rise and spotted a black bear about 10 feet in front of him. He tumbled over the handlebars, his helmet hit the bear's back and the two went cartwheeling down the road. The bear rolled over Litz's head, cracking his helmet, and scratched his back before scampering up a hill above the road. (AP)

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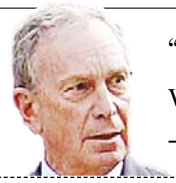

"Today marks the seventh anniversary of the day our world was broken. It lives forever in our hearts and our history."

—**New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg**, speaking Thursday about the Sept. 11 attacks

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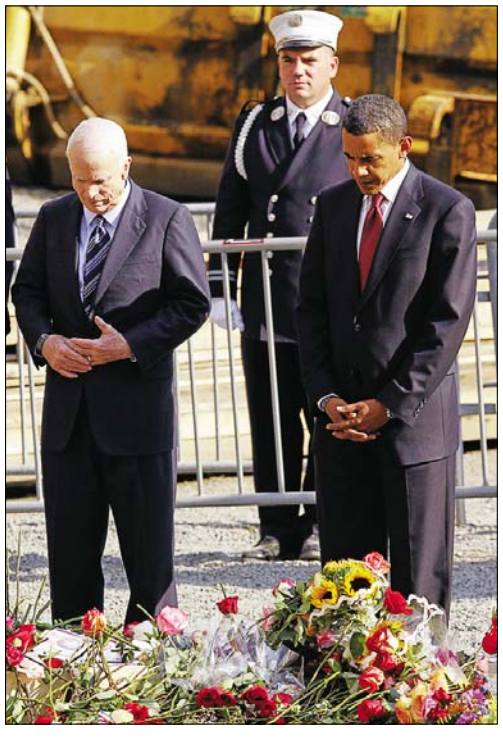

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Ina Castro and her son, Jonathan Rivera, left, cry during a ceremony to commemorate the attacks. Travis Donley, center, skydives into Manhattan at 10:28 a.m., when the north tower fell. McCain and Obama reflect, right.

Solemn Rituals Mark Emotional Day

Thousands turn out to remember victims of Sept. 11 tragedy

NEW YORK | Familiar rituals of grief marked the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on Thursday as thousands paid tribute at the attack sites, the presidential candidates laid flowers at Ground Zero and children mourned parents they are barely old enough to remember.

Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama called off their campaigns for the day, and in the late afternoon descended the long ramp into the pit of the World Trade Center site, bowing their heads and leaving the flowers in a reflecting pool.

The crowd fell silent in a park just east of the trade center site at 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:59 a.m. and 10:29 a.m. — the times when two hijacked jets slammed into the buildings and the Twin Towers fell.

Alex, Aiden and Anna Salamone — now 13, 11 and 10 years old, respectively — wore old soccer jerseys belonging to their father, broker John Patrick Salamone, who was 37 when he was killed.

Richard Sadowi, father-in-law of police officer Paul Talty, who died in the attack.

"He was strong. He was funny. He always made me laugh," Alex Salamone said. "I wish I could remember more, but we were so young when he died."

"We love you, Daddy," said Anna.

Family members of the trade center dead and students representing the more than 90 countries that lost citizens in the attack read the names of the 2,975 victims.

Many family members reading names paused to thank the troops fighting the two U.S. wars launched since Sept. 11, 2001.

"They took from us innocent lives in the names of their God," said Rosaria Reneo, whose sister Daniela R. Notaro was killed on Sept. 11, "and it seems some people have forgotten what happened here seven years ago."

As in years past, two bright blue beams of light were to rise from Lower Manhattan. But many family members said they wished there was more of a memorial.

"It's still very hard for us to come here. It doesn't get any easier," said Norma Linguito, a relative of Sept. 11 victim Michael Diehl. "I just wish they'd get the memorial up so we can have something, a marker, to remember everyone."

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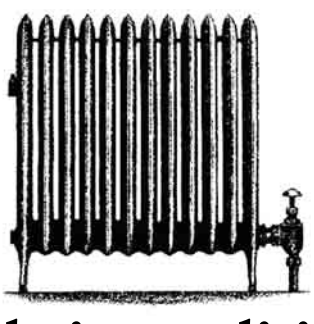
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Brishae Smith, 7, waits in Galveston, Texas, Thursday to board a bus headed out of town and out of Hurricane Ike's path.

Ike May Pack a Big Punch

Officials tell residents of Houston to hunker down, ride out storm

HOUSTON | Cars and trucks streamed inland and chemical companies buttoned up their plants Thursday as gigantic Hurricane Ike took aim at the heart of the U.S. refining industry and threatened to send a wall of water crashing toward Houston.

Nearly 1 million people along the Texas coast were ordered to evacuate ahead of the storm, which was expected to strike late Friday or early Saturday. But in a calculated risk aimed at avoiding total gridlock, authorities told most people in the nation's fourth-largest city to just hunker down.

Authorities hoped to avoid the panic of three years ago, when evacuations ordered in advance of Hurricane Rita sent millions scurrying in fright and caused a monumental traffic jam so big that cars ran out of gas or overheated. Ultimately, the evacuation proved deadlier than the storm itself. A total of 110 people died during the exodus

Ike was steering almost directly for Galveston and, beyond that, Houston, where gleaming skyscrapers, the nation's biggest refinery and NASA's Johnson Space Center lie in areas vulnerable to wind and floodwaters. Forecasters said the storm was likely to come ashore as a Category 3, with winds up to 130 mph.

But the storm is so big, it could inflict a punishing blow even in those areas that are not hit directly. Forecasters warned that because of Ike's size and the state's shallow coastal waters, it could produce a surge 20 feet high and waves of perhaps 50 feet.

MICHAEL GRACZYK (AP)

Palin: No Hesitation on VP Question

Governor says she 'didn't blink' when asked to join ticket

FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA | Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said Thursday that she didn't blink when Republican John McCain asked her to be his running mate, a surprise selection that shook up the presidential race.

"I didn't hesitate, no," she told ABC's Charlie Gibson in her first televised interview since accepting the Arizona senator's invitation to be on the Republican ticket two weeks ago.

Palin

"I answered him 'yes' because I have the confidence in that readiness and knowing that you can't blink, you have to be wired in a way of being so committed to the mission, the mission that we're on, reform of this country and victory in the war, you can't blink. So I didn't blink then, even when asked to run as his running mate," said the 44-year-old Palin.

When asked whether she felt ready to step in as vice president or perhaps even president if something happened to 72-year-old McCain, Palin said: "I do, Charlie, and on January 20, when John McCain and I are sworn in, if we are so privileged to be elected to serve this country, we'll be ready. I'm ready." (AP)

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TRIBUTE ALBUM: Hamburg, Germany, dedicated a city square to the Beatles on Thursday to commemorate the time the rock band spent there in the early 1960s. The square — which is meant to look like a record — features steel sculptures of each of the Fab Four.

DESMOND KWANDE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Morgan Tsvangirai speaks to the press in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Thursday.

Leaders: Zimbabwe Deal Set

Mbeki, Tsvangirai say president agreed to share power in talks

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | President Robert Mugabe agreed to share power with the opposition Thursday after more than two decades as Zimbabwe's unchallenged leader, according to the South African mediator.

South African President Thabo Mbeki, who worked out the deal, did not immediately offer details, but said Thursday the agreement would be signed and made public Monday.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai also told reporters the parties "have got a deal." There was no immediate statement from the 84-year-old Mugabe.

Mbeki has been in Zimbabwe since Monday trying to resolve the impasse over who would wield the most authority in a unity government. For a year, he has been trying to bring Mugabe and Tsvangirai closer together, insisting — despite accusations he was biased in favor of Mugabe — that his policy of refusing to confront or publicly criticize either party was the best approach.

But others, including African leaders traditionally reluctant to criticize one of their own, had been increasingly impatient with Mugabe, who has been accused of trampling on Zimbabwean's political rights and ruining the economy of what had once been the region's breadbasket. (AP)

U.S. in Deadliest Year of Afghan War

2 new deaths bring 2008 toll to 113 as troops remember 9/11

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Insurgents killed two U.S. troops in Afghanistan on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks Thursday, making 2008 the deadliest year for American forces since U.S. troops invaded the country in 2001 for sheltering Osama bin Laden.

The deaths brought the number of troops who have died in Afghanistan this year to 113, according to an Associated Press tally, surpassing last year's record toll of 111.

Afghanistan was the launching pad for al-Qaeda's terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. U.S. forces invaded in October 2001 in response and quickly drove the Taliban out of power.

Across Afghanistan, U.S. troops paused in silence Thursday to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks. At a U.S. base in Kabul, members of the New York National Guard, many of whom served at the site of the World Trade Center after the towers came down, remembered the attack on their home state.

MUSADEQ SADEQ/AP

U.S. military officials attend a ceremony to mark the Sept. 11 attacks in Kabul.

"For those of us who were there, served at Ground Zero, 9/11 is deeply personal," said Col. Brian K. Bale, the commander of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Maj. Stephen Bousquet, 34, of Buffalo, N.Y., provided security at Ground Zero for three weeks after the attack. He now trains and mentors Afghan police, he said, "so American and coalition forces can leave one day." JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

GERMANY | HERD MENTALITY

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LEADERS OF THE PACK: Farmers in traditional Bavarian clothes lead cattle from the mountains to Bad Hindelang, Germany, on Thursday. About 800 cattle returned to the area after spending 100 days in the mountains over the summer.

Protesters Disrupt Bolivia's Gas Flow

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA | Anti-government protesters fought backers of President Evo Morales on Thursday in Bolivia's pro-autonomy east with clubs, machetes and guns, and seized more natural gas fields.

At least one person was killed and 20 were injured in street fights, authorities reported.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials angered by Morales' decision to expel Washington's ambassador for allegedly inciting protesters responded Thursday by kicking out Bolivia's top diplomat.

DADO GALDIERI/AP

People wait to fill canisters with gas amid shortages in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Half of Bolivia's natural gas exports to Brazil — its No. 1 customer — were halted for nearly seven hours on Thursday because of sabotage by anti-Morales activists, according to the affected Transierra pipeline company.

Activists also stormed a gas installation that supplies Argentina. (AP)

Officials: Bush OK'd Attacks

Sources say president secretly approved raids on targets in Pakistan

WASHINGTON | President Bush secretly approved U.S. military raids inside Pakistan against alleged terrorist targets, according to current and former U.S. officials with recent access to the Bush administration's debate about how to fight al-Qaeda and the Taliban inside the lawless tribal border area.

The officials spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity to describe the classified order.

A senior U.S. military official last week confirmed that a special forces attack had taken place about a mile across Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the internal debate over the U.S. response to rising violence along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border includes classified intelligence.

The presidential order, first reported by the New York Times, was issued over the summer to give new authority to U.S. special operations forces to target suspected terrorists in the dangerous area along the Afghanistan border, a former intelligence official said.

PAMELA HESS (AP)

'VERY BRIEF' TENURE: An Australian state government minister was forced to quit after only three days late Wednesday following reports that he danced in his "very brief" underwear at a parliamentary office party, the state premier said Thursday. The resignation came after an unsourced report in newspaper the Australian.

Fire Rages Under Channel

Blaze on train inside England-France tunnel injures 14, halts traffic

PARIS | A fire broke out Thursday on a train carrying trucks under the English Channel between England and France, injuring 14 people and suspending all traffic in the undersea rail tunnel, officials said.

More than 100 firefighters from both sides of the channel got the blaze under control, but it was not entirely extinguished hours later, said Georges Bos, a spokesman for France's Pas-de-Calais region, which was handling the emergency response.

The train was carrying 32 people when the fire broke out about seven miles from the French side, said Eurotunnel, the company that operates the tunnel. Most people in the tunnel were truck drivers accompanying their vehicles. All were evacuated safely, the company said.

Traffic in the 30-mile tunnel would remain suspended through Friday, France's rail operator SNCF said. Eurotunnel said the cause of the fire had not been determined.

ANGELA CHARLTON (AP)

IEVEN VAN ASSCHE/GETTY IMAGES

Cars line up at an evacuation exit after a fire broke out on a train carrying trucks inside a tunnel underneath the English Channel in Calais, France, on Thursday.

Media: N. Korea's Kim Had Surgery

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | North Korea's Kim Jong Il had brain surgery after a stroke last month and could have partial paralysis on one side, media reports said Thursday, after South Korea said the leader remained in control of his country.

Foreign doctors, possibly from China and France, performed the operation after Kim, 66, collapsed about Aug. 15, the newspapers Dong-a Ilbo and JoongAng Ilbo reported, citing unidentified government officials.

Kim's condition has improved and he is not suffering from slurred speech, a disability often associated with a stroke, the reports said.

Lee Cheol-woo, a South Korean ruling party lawmaker, said in a radio interview Thursday that Kim is "recovering fast," has "no problem speaking and communicating" and is "able to stand if assisted." (AP)

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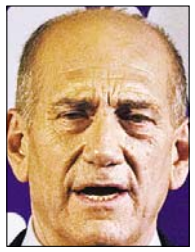

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Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, President George W. Bush, former Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, and Pentagon Memorial Fund Chairman James Laychak Thursday in Arlington, Va.

Bush: America Did Not Fail

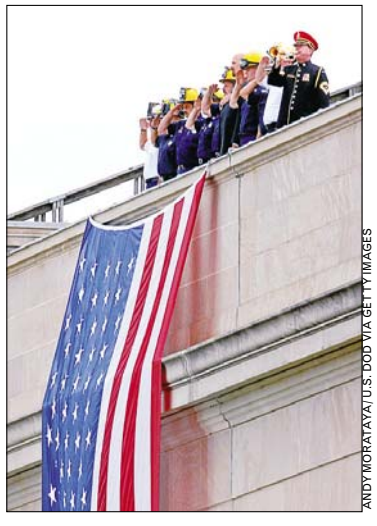
Rumsfeld, Gates speak at ceremony to dedicate Pentagon 9/11 memorial

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Thursday that after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, fade from memory, history will look back at America's response and conclude that "we did not tire, we did not falter, and we did not fail."

Bush observed the seventh anniversary of the deadliest attack on U.S. soil, the last time as president, with a moment of silence at the White House at 8:46 a.m. EDT — the exact moment in 2001 that terrorists crashed a hijacked airliner into the World Trade Center in New York. A second plane struck the World Trade Center shortly thereafter. Another plane was flown into the Pentagon and still another crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

"Thanks to the brave men and women, and all those who work to keep us safe, there has not been another attack on our soil in 2,557 days," Bush said.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks, including 184 at the Pentagon, where Bush spoke at an outdoor ceremony dedicating a new memorial to those killed there.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First responders stand atop the Pentagon during the memorial dedication.

"For the families and friends of the fallen, this memorial will be a place of remembrance," Bush said. "Parents will come here to remember children who boarded Flight 77 for a field trip and never emerged from the wreckage. Husbands and wives will come here to remember spouses who left for work one morning and never returned home. People from across our nation will come here to remember friends and loved ones who never had the chance to say goodbye."

It was a patriotic and emotional service. A large video screen beamed a roll call of the fallen and photographs of people in shock and grief. Moved by musical performances, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wiped tears from her cheeks. Afterward, Bush signed tiny American flags handed up from the crowd.

After the program, Mary Lou Moss of Saltillo, Texas, rushed up to former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to show him a framed photo of her husband, Brian Moss, a Navy man who died in the Pentagon attack.

"He's been through the whole thing with the families," she said of Rumsfeld, who was ousted amid growing opposition to the war in Iraq.

In his remarks, Rumsfeld said: "We will never forget the way this huge building shook."

The Pentagon Memorial, built at a cost of $22 million, contains 184 benches that will glow with light at the night, and trees and trickling water. Each bench is dedicated to an individual victim, and the structures are organized as a timeline of the victims' ages, moving from the youngest, 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg to the oldest, John D. Yamnicky, 71.

DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

Local

DCPS Upgrade Plan Introduced

WASHINGTON | D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty has introduced a five-year plan to improve every school building in the city by 2014.

The $1.3 billion plan introduced Wednesday calls for at least some upgrades to each of the District's 120 schools.

If the D.C. Council approves the plan, about $250 million would be spent each year for five years.

Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee said the plan would more evenly distribute capital funds than in the past.

Previously, only a few schools underwent major renovations while many didn't receive any improvements, Fenty said.

Rhee said her plan was critical to providing students with a good learning environment.

In the elementary schools, money would be spent to improve natural lighting, air quality and acoustics — elements researchers say could lift test scores.

Officials said high schools would see the biggest changes, with some essentially being rebuilt. (AP)

JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

Michelle Rhee and Adrian Fenty are shown Aug. 25, the first day of school.

Judge's Pants Suit Back in the Fold

WASHINGTON | A customer's $54 million lawsuit against a D.C. dry cleaner over a missing pair of pants will be argued again in court next month.

The D.C. Court of Appeals has agreed to hear the case first brought against Custom Cleaners more than three years ago by administrative law judge Roy Pearson.

Pearson sued the mom-and-pop business for $67 million in 2005 after the dry cleaner misplaced a pair of his trousers. He later lowered his demand to $54 million.

The case went to trial last year, and a D.C. Superior Court judge ruled in favor of the owners, awarding Pearson nothing. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Sept. 11

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	8-4-3
Mid-day DC 4	2-8-9-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-6-7-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	1-16-22-28-31
Daily 6 (Wed.)	26-27-28-31-32-34 Bonus: 5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	3-5-13-20-33 (8)

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	14-15-28-37-53 (18)
Power Play	2X

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-0-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-8-5
Mid-day Pick 4	5-0-2-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-0-1-6
Match 5 (Wed.)	5-6-11-13-23 Bonus: 33
Lotto (Wed.)	2-7-18-24-26-29

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	9-9-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-2-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	4-8-1-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-3-2-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-10-26-28-33
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	9-10-11-13-29
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Money

1,300 | **The number of new employees** the Food and Drug Administration has hired in a staffing drive meant to increase the agency's work force by 10 percent. The FDA is recovering from a mass exodus of medical and scientific experts.

WaMu's Future in Doubt

Shares of bank have plunged on fears about its mortgage holdings

WASHINGTON | Shares of Washington Mutual Inc. staged a late rally Thursday, recouping some of this week's steep losses as investors pumped money back into the banking sector despite ongoing concerns.

The stock jumped 51 cents, or 22 percent, to end the day at $2.83, after earlier falling as much as 25 percent to $1.75. Shares were down in after-hours trading, dropping 11 cents, or 3.9 percent, to $2.72.

The Seattle-based company's stock was down nearly 46 percent for the week, before staging its turnaround Thursday.

WaMu has seen its market value wither, as it battles rising mortgage delinquencies and defaults. Its shares have fallen more than 90 percent since early July of last year, right before the rapid erosion in the credit markets began.

PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Washington Mutual customers use an ATM at a bank in Palo Alto, Calif., Thursday. Wall Street fears the bank could be the next casualty of the mortgage crisis.

Federal banking regulators, who earlier this week ratcheted up their scrutiny of Washington Mutual, are closely watching the thrift's condition.

With losses in its mortgage portfolio expected to peak at $19 billion, the bank could be Wall Street's next casualty, some analysts believe.

"The question becomes: 'Can it survive if it has billions and billions of dollars left to write down on those loans?'" Ladenburg Thalmann analyst Richard Bove said. "What's going to keep it in business? What is going to keep it alive?"

MARCY GORDON (AP)

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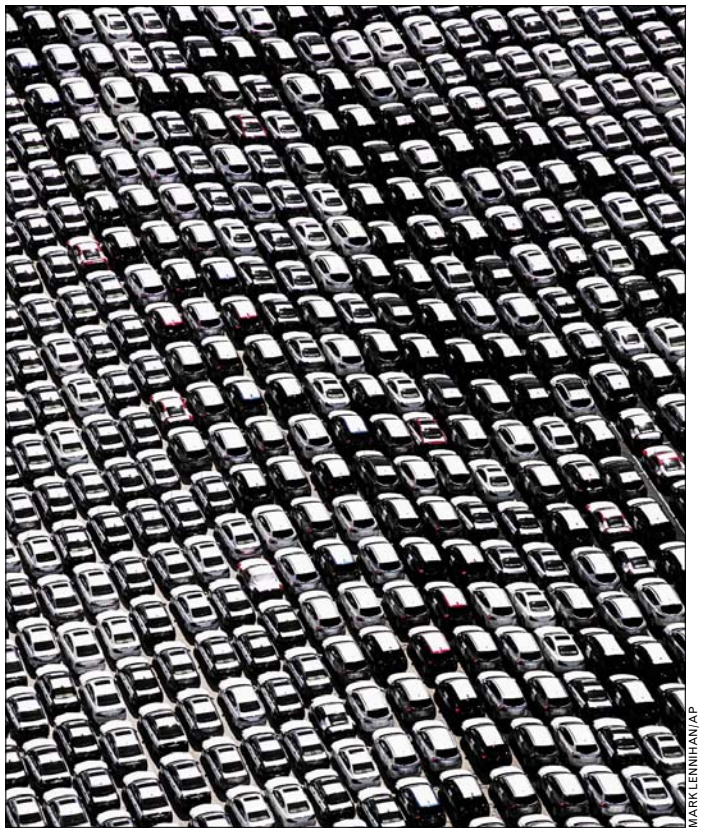

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FRESH SHIPMENT: Imported cars are seen parked at Port Newark after being unloaded from container ships. The U.S. trade deficit rose 5.7 percent to $62.2 billion in July, pushing the trade gap between what the United States imports and what it sells abroad to the highest level since March 2007.

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WII THE PEOPLE: Sisters Ally and Elizabeth Burguieres practice yoga poses with Nintendo Wii Fit at their home in Bethesda. More women are now playing video games.

She's Got Game

Women emerge as a growing segment of avid video gamers

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | "You really must do something about your hair," teases Ally Burguieres' mom, referring to the appearance of her daughter's video game character.

It's Wii night at the Burguieres house in Bethesda. On the living room TV, virtual versions of Jan Burguieres and her 20-something daughters Ally, Elizabeth and Tory are playing baseball via the Nintendo system atop the set. Each of the cartoony game characters have been crafted to resemble their real-world counterparts. Ally's avatar wears oval-shaped glasses, just as Ally does, but its hair is just a little too straggly, in Mom's view.

It used to be that this all-woman crew wouldn't fit the standard of the video game consumer. People sometimes think of gamers as being mostly young guys, but that's not so true anymore. Women and girls make up 40 percent of the gamer population, according to the Entertainment Software Association, the video game industry's trade group. And with game software sales at $9.5 billion last year, companies are paying closer attention to the titles women seek out.

The Burguieres sisters grew up playing video games. Ally, a 25-year-old grad student, says she sometimes felt shut out as a kid when boys started to play or talk about video games. She thinks that's a situation that may have changed, thanks to the widespread appeal of the Wii and music games such as Guitar Hero.

"Women are now being treated as natural members of the gaming community," she says.

For years, the video game industry spent its marketing dollars on trying to get guys excited about the latest sports or shoot-'em-up title. It was generally assumed that women and girls weren't interested.

But that started to change in 2004, says industry analyst Michael Pachter, when Nintendo launched its DS portable game system, named for its dual screens. Its features stretched the notion of what a video game is — and who might want to play.

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Read the full version of this story, plus get advice from the Three Wise Guys, learn about new media releases and check out the Eco Wise column.

IN The Washington Post

In one early DS game, players took control of a virtual puppy. To pet the dog, players rubbed the touch-sensitive screen; to train the dog to sit, players spoke into the device's built-in microphone.

Compared with many games that expected a mastery of the buttons, the interface was intuitive. Nintendogs was a hit with both sexes and suggested to many in the industry that it might be time to take note of games that appeal to a wider audience.

Today, half of DS users are female, according to Nintendo. Game publisher Ubisoft has been courting this market with games designed to appeal to girls ages 6 to 14.

Back at the Burguieres house, Tory, 24, has won the baseball game with two home runs, and the women have moved on to Wii bowling. Mom Jan appears to be a natural, pulling off strikes and spares that keep her ahead of her daughters.

"Thank you very much, thank you very much," she gloats after clearing the pins each time, before they switch games again and she skillfully manages to carry her team through a few rounds of Wii tennis.

A little while later in the evening, the women switch to Mario Kart which Jan doesn't play nearly as well, steering poor Mario off the track and into a virtual ocean. Maybe she needs caffeine.

"Tom, you want to put some coffee on?" she asks her husband, who is catching up with the guys over in the dining room.

MIKE MUSGROVE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

5 more reasons to read

THESE STORIES AND MORE **THIS SUNDAY**

Fall Arts Preview

Calendars of pop and classical music, movies, concerts, ballet and theater. Plus, our critics pick the best up-and-coming young artists. **STYLE & ARTS**

Average Aveo

Chevy's 2009 Aveo is mediocre in most ways, Warren Brown writes, but it qualifies as a genuine bargain. **CARS**

PBS' Season

The presidential race, the Holocaust, health care and British royalty — just some of the topics PBS tackles in its upcoming fall slate. **TV WEEK**

Goucho Marks

On the pampas of Argentina and Uruguay, gringos can become gauchos on vast cattle ranches. **TRAVEL**

Hemingses of Va.

A new history details the relationship between the author of the Declaration of Independence and the slave with whom, the author argues, he conceived seven children. **BOOK WORLD**

Sports Weekend

TERPS FOOTBALL
Ups and Downs: The Terps have played down to their competition so far this year. But last year they showed they could play up, too. | 17

TV Lineup

LUIS M. ALVAREZ/AP

The Nationals play games at the Marlins on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

friday

7 P.M. The Nationals are in Florida to take on the Marlins for the first game in a three-game series. MASN/my20

8 P.M. Three years ago, no one would have cared about this game. But No. 13 Kansas travels to South Florida for a Friday night against the 19th-ranked Bulls. ESPN2

8 P.M. The Yankees play the Rays in the first part of their final 10-game homestand in Yankee stadium. ESPN

saturday

12 P.M. Yes, Maryland did lose to Middle Tennessee State. And yes, No. 23 California will likely be a little bit of a tougher game. ESPN

3:30 P.M. Is the ACC that bad? Find out when Georgia Tech heads to Hokie country for Virginia Tech's ACC opener. ABC

8 P.M. For No. 5 Ohio State and No. 1 Southern Cal, two teams who have very few other competitive games, this game is like a BCS game — that's not good for OSU. ABC

sunday

8 P.M. Chicago and Detroit were supposed to be the top two teams in the AL Central. But times change, so the White Sox will play the Tigers and try to preserve their one-game lead — over the Minnesota Twins. ESPN

8:15 P.M. Big Ben and the Pittsburgh Steelers face off against division rivals the Cleveland Browns. NBC

No Big, Easy Task for 'D'

1 P.M. | FOX
Sunday

Redskins hope their (maybe) healthy DBs can slow the Saints

REDSKINS | Carlos Rogers smiled with pride. His teammates smiled in relief.

These days, a healthy defensive back wearing burgundy and gold is a precious commodity. And Rogers' tale of toughing out the entire opener on his reconstructed knee was a piece of welcome news in an otherwise dismal opening week.

While the offense's play must improve, its Washington's defense will be in the spotlight Sunday at when the Saints come to FedEx Field. If the Redskins want to avoid going two games down in the NFC East, they'll need to find a way to stop Drew Brees and Reggie Bush.

"On the back end, for sure, you've got to be ready to play, obviously," cornerback Shawn Springs said. "[Brees] put up [343 passing yards] on Tampa and they pride themselves on being a good pass-defense team."

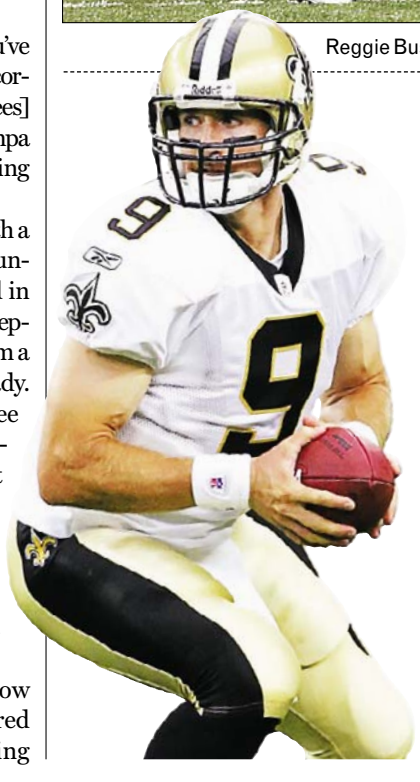
Springs missed the opener with a bruised shin, but says he'll play Sunday. Fred Smoot — who started in Springs' absence and had an interception in week 1 — is recovering from a hip pointer, but could also be ready.

Washington will need all three players healthy in order to challenge a New Orleans squad that had four receivers log a catch of 25 yards or more in their opening victory over Tampa Bay (none of whom was star receiver Marques Colston, who will be out with torn thumb ligaments).

The Redskins remember how they frustrated the high-powered Saints offense in 2006, winning 16-10 while holding Brees to 207 passing yards. Bush got just 12 touches on offense for 33 yards that game. But with a bolstered interior line in New Orleans and a rough-looking Redskins offense that couldn't sustain drives last week, the Saints figure to have more opportunities to go at the Redskins' secondary with four-receiver sets.

The Redskins' defense played well in the Meadowlands, giving up 16 points early before settling down to shut out the defending Super Bowl champs in the second half. But, for all his poise, Eli Manning is not yet as dynamic a passer as Brees. And the Giants don't have anyone who compares to the big-play ability of Reggie Bush.

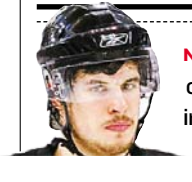
"He can embarrass guys any way possible," Rogers said. "[We've just got to] tackle him any way necessary." ERIC BRANDNER



Reggie Bush, top left, and Drew Brees, below, make the Saints one of the NFL's scariest offenses.

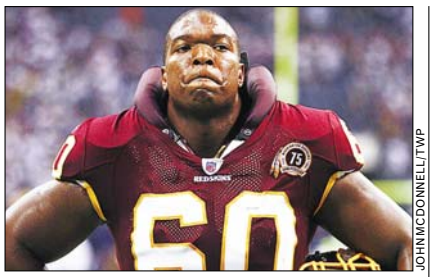
TUNED OUT: If you believe Jim Zorn, the only chatter Jason Campbell hears is the play-calling in his helmet:

→ The coach said that he and Campbell had barely paid attention to the rumblings about a poor offensive performance during Week 1. Zorn and Campbell reviewed the tapes and decided the quarterback worked well out of the shotgun in some scenarios (a wrinkle you could see more of in the coming weeks). Campbell — who seemed to have trouble looking off his initial receiver at times and struggled with clock management — described the mistakes as correctable.



NHL | **They'll do anything for love** Sidney Crosby delivered for the Pittsburgh Penguins — again. This time, he did it off the ice. Crosby, coach Michel Therrien and eight other players hand-carried season tickets to 35 randomly selected Penguins ticket holders on Wednesday. Crosby, wearing a Penguins jersey and blue jeans, took tickets to Mount Lebanon resident David Disney, a season-ticket holder since the Penguins' inception in 1967, and Karen and Guy Bradford of the Edgewood section of Pittsburgh. "It's a pretty unique thing we do," Crosby said. "I think it's nice we do it." (AP)

What to Watch For



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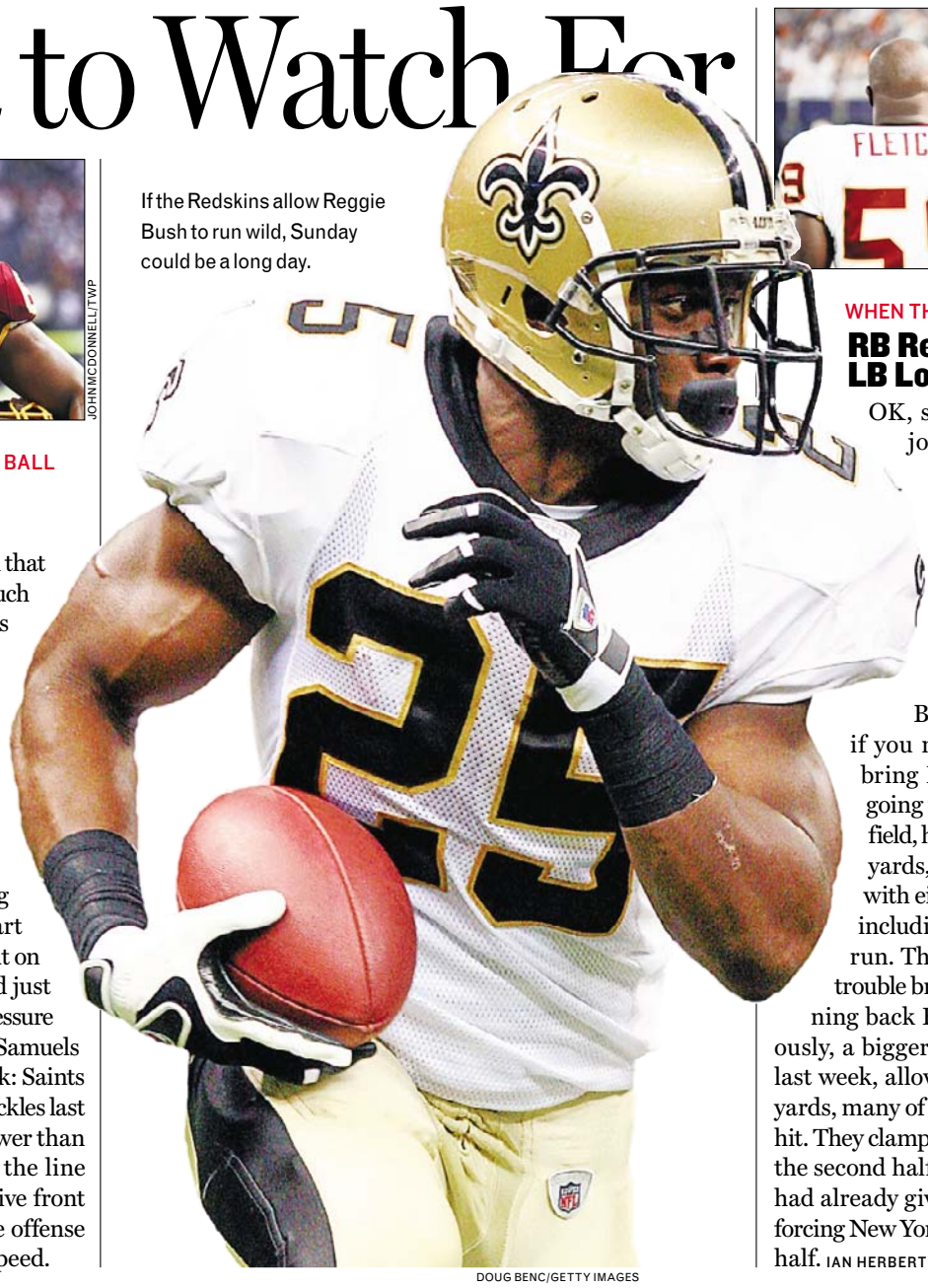
If the Redskins allow Reggie Bush to run wild, Sunday could be a long day.



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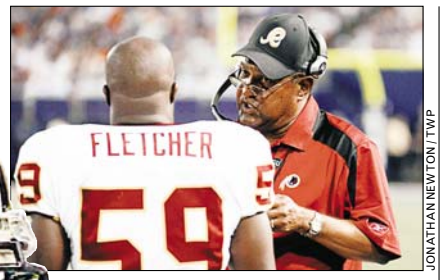
WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

OT Chris Samuels vs. DE Will Smith

The first week of the year proved that teams don't have to worry too much about the Redskins' weapons when Washington has the ball. The longest catch was a 26-yard pass to Antwaan Randle El, and no other receiver caught a pass longer than 12 yards. Randle El and Santana Moss were the only players who caught more than one ball. Part of that may be the team's still getting used to the offense, but a big part of it may also be the pressure put on Jason Campbell. He was sacked just once but was constantly under pressure from the Giants' defensive line. Samuels draws the toughest test this week: Saints DE Smith, who had just three tackles last week but has never recorded fewer than seven sacks in a season. How the line fairs against the Saints' defensive front will determine how quickly the offense adjusts to the system at game speed.



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

WHEN THE SAINTS HAVE THE BALL

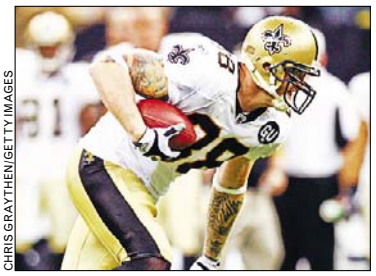
RB Reggie Bush vs. LB London Fletcher

OK, so it won't be solely the job of team leader London Fletcher to cover the Saints' elusive running back. At least, it had better not be. Bush lines up all over the field, and whoever is matched up with him will have to finish his tackles. The Bucs proved last week that if you miss an opportunity to bring Reggie Bush down, he's going to burn you. In the backfield, he had 14 carries for just 51 yards, but he killed Tampa Bay with eight catches for 112 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown run. The Redskins' defense had trouble bringing down Giants running back Brandon Jacobs — obviously, a bigger challenge, size-wise — last week, allowing him to rush for 116 yards, many of which came after he was hit. They clamped down on the Giants in the second half, but that was after they had already given up 16 points without forcing New York to punt once in the first half. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

X Factors

→ Saints TE Jeremy Shockey

The Saints brought Jeremy Shockey to give Drew Brees another big target to look for in the middle of the field. With Marques Colston now sidelined for four to six weeks, Shockey is the team's biggest passing threat. He had six receptions for 54 yards in week 1, but the Bucs held him without a touchdown. Shockey averaged six touchdowns per year over the last five seasons, so the 6-foot-5 receiver knows how to score — and Brees knows how to get him the ball.



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→ Redskins RB Clinton Portis

We knew Portis was going to get his carries, even in Jim Zorn's offense. We expected him to do a little more than 23 carries for 84 yards (a 3.7-yard average). But Washington's eccentric running back did bust one run for 23 yards, and he looked comfortable in the second half. Plus, he wrecked Mathias Kiwanuka on a block in the second half, showing everyone that he's still the same Portis. He's been openly excited about the way Jim Zorn's offense uses the pass to set up the run for big gains. It didn't happen much last week, but he's always dangerous.

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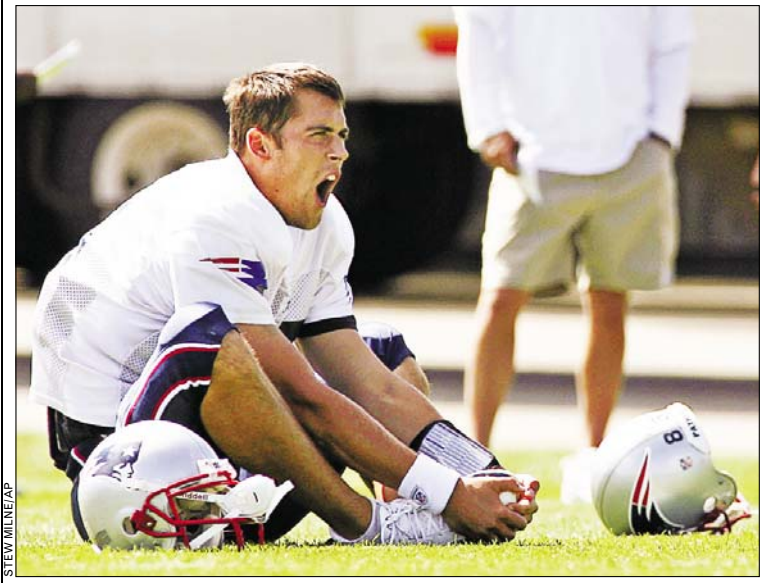

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Patriots QB Matt Cassel has thrown just 72 in-game passes since high school.

Patriots Hand Keys to Cassel

Brady's replacement wants to be himself in first start in 7 years

NFL | No one will begrudge Matt Cassel any nerves he has going into his first NFL start Sunday, when he will lead the New England Patriots against the New York Jets.

Add in the fact that Cassel, in his first start since high school, will be replacing three-time NFL champion and two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady, and it's amazing that he has kept his sanity.

Cassel, though, has taken the attention and comparisons to Brady in stride.

"I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said. "I don't know where that's going to take us."

A high school baseball star, Cassel chose football at USC over a contract with the Oakland A's but threw just 33 passes while playing backup for Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart. But the Patriots saw potential and picked Cassel in the seventh and final round of the 2005 draft.

New team, same predicament — backing up an outstanding quarterback. Cassel had thrown just 39 passes in three years for the Patriots before going 13-for-18 for 152 yards last Sunday in a 17-10 win over Kansas City after Brady suffered a season-ending left knee injury.

Like Brady before he took over for Drew Bledsoe in 2001, Cassel has calmly and politely addressed the media, but Palmer knows another side of his personality from their time as college roommates.

"He needs to be the leader that Matt is," Palmer said. "Those guys on the team know that he's wild and crazy, and loud and obnoxious. Just take that to the field because that's who he is and he needs to play like himself." He's not Brady, but he may be good enough. HOWARD ULMAN (AP)

Young Says He's Committed to Titans

NFL | Titans quarterback Vince Young insists he never wavered in his commitment to football.

All that concern over his mental state? He says he was upset as he dealt with his first serious injury, and he didn't realize he had to tell his mother where he was going anymore.

"Football, this is my life. This is my dream. All I did all these years growing up to get to this point and never had an injury like this before in my life," he said. TERESA M. WALKER (AP)

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Don't Judge This Team by Week 1

DID I MISS THE MEMO that said the football season had been canceled in the nation's capital?

Never has excitement been so muted entering the second week of the season in Redskins Nation.

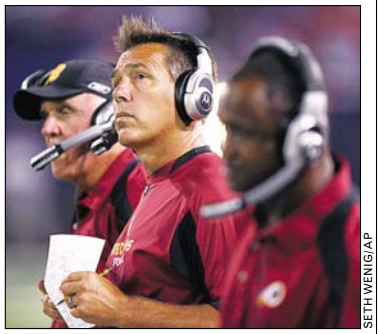
It's like all the air was let out of the balloon in the first quarter of last week's loss to the Giants.

Now there is a silent acceptance that Jason Campbell is somehow a bad fit for the West Coast offense and this is a lost year.

To anyone who feels this way: The Redskins are only 0-1. Relax. Not all is lost. We don't know anything about this team yet.

I suspect that Washington — which last year made the playoffs only through extraordinary circumstances after the death of Sean Taylor — is not a very good team, but any regular reader of this column knows how often I've been wrong.

Here's what I know: Based on a coach's first game in D.C., Richie Petitbon would be in the Hall of Fame. Remember how a thrilling victory over Dallas turned into a 4-12 season?



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There were plenty of mistakes in Jim Zorn's coaching debut last Thursday.

An aging offensive line and powerless defensive line may do more to undermine the Redskins' fortunes than Jim Zorn's time-management issues. We just don't know yet.

A win Sunday against the New Orleans Saints would make all right with the world at Redskins Park.

There's plenty of time for gloom and doom if Dan Snyder really made the wrong pick with Zorn. For now, though, take a deep breath and wait for the season to play out.

PICK'EM

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SAINTS (NO LINE) AT REDSKINS	**REDSKINS** Everyone expects the worst from the Redskins. Maybe they'll surprise us.	**SAINTS** The Redskins wish their offense looked like the Saints'. If wishing made it true ...	**REDSKINS** Because there is no possible way the Washington offense is that bad.	**REDSKINS** Have the Redskins figured out that you have to throw the ball 10 yards on third-and-9?
EAGLES (PLUS 6.5) AT COWBOYS	**EAGLES** Philly reminds the NFC East that it's back in the title hunt after a down year.	**COWBOYS** Both teams looked like playoff teams last week. But the Eagles played the Rams.	**EAGLES** Because there's no possible way the Dallas offense is that good.	**EAGLES** A win in Dallas would be huge for Philadelphia, which is a 6.5-point dog.
COLTS (MINUS 2) AT VIKINGS	**COLTS** Peyton Manning and company don't start the season with two straight losses.	**VIKINGS** Neither team looked like a playoff team last week. But the Colts played the Bears.	**COLTS** Because there's no possible way the Indy offense is that bad.	**VIKINGS** C Jeff Saturday will be missed against DTs Kevin and Pat Williams.
STEELERS (MINUS 5.5) AT BROWNS	**STEELERS** The Steelers are a lot better than the Browns appear to be.	**STEELERS** Ben Roethlisberger's line from last week: 13 for 14 for 137 yards, 2 TDs and a win.	**BROWNS** Because there's no possible way the Pittsburgh offense is that good.	**BROWNS** Cleveland's hopes of a division title could die in game 2. But it's a big spread.
BEARS (PLUS 3) AT PANTHERS	**PANTHERS** Chicago caught Indy off-guard. Don't expect that to happen vs. Carolina.	**PANTHERS** I'm kind of sold on the Panthers and definitely not sold on the Bears.	**BEARS** Following the "every other year" theory of NFL success.	**BEARS** Two recent Super Bowl teams that may have morphed into good teams again.
PATRIOTS (PLUS 2.5) AT JETS	**JETS** Brady's injury opens the door for Favre to win the AFC East in his first try.	**PATRIOTS** I'll take advantage of the opportunity to pick the Patriots as underdogs.	**PATRIOTS** Take New England and the points! Haven't said that in awhile.	**JETS** The Jets, favored because Matt Cassel is the QB instead of Brady, are on alert.

SEASON TALLY: Matt Swenson: 4-2 (4-2 last week); Ian Herbert: 3-3 (3-3); Dan Steinberg: 5-1 (5-1); Dave Goldberg: 3-3 (3-3)

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Joe Flacco threw for only 129 yards, but he ran for a score to help the Ravens win.

Texans To Go at Flacco

Ravens rookie QB made winning look easy in his 1st game

RAVENS | Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco's first NFL start was good enough to earn him another one.

The Texans, who host the Ravens on Monday night in a game that was rescheduled from Sunday because of Hurricane Ike, want to make the rookie's second start much more challenging than the first.

"We have to get in his head, show him some different looks and make it difficult on him," said Texans LB DeMeco Ryans. "Show him some things and move around a little bit, just to make it confusing on him."

Flacco threw for only 129 yards in Baltimore's 17-10 win over Cincinnati, but he ran for a touchdown and didn't turn the ball over. His performance was helped by Baltimore's 229 yards rushing.

Most of those yards came from Le'Ron McClain and rookie Ray Rice. Their running game will get a boost this week with the scheduled return of Willis McGahee, who was recovering from surgery last week.

Ryans said a key to limiting Flacco's effectiveness will be handling the running game.

"The way they ran the ball that first game, that makes it easy on any quarterback," Ryans said. "It's a lot easier to manage a game when you're running the ball that well. You don't have to make any big plays with your arm and you can just manage the offense." KRISTIE RIEKEN (AP)

Can Terps Play Up?

After struggling with lesser teams, Maryland aims to rise against Cal

TERPS FOOTBALL | Kevin Barnes had a simple if unsatisfying explanation for the Maryland Terrapins' upset loss to Middle Tennessee State last week.

For better or worse, he said, the Terps tend to play to the level of their competition. Sometimes, it's a good thing — such as last year when a middle-of-the-pack Maryland team upset No. 10 Rutgers and No. 8 Boston College within a three-week span.

It's not a good thing when you have to sweat out a season-opening win against Delaware. It's surely not when you lose to a Sun Belt Conference team in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

But redemption won't be easy for the inconsistent Terrapins, who on Saturday host a California team that beat Washington State 66-3 and has had three scoring plays of 80 yards or more this year.

At a preseason gathering, coaches asked each player to stand up and say what they considered their strengths and weaknesses, and even then players foresaw their struggles.

"The consistent weakness was that we're not consistent," said quarterback Chris Turner. "By the last guy, we realized we all had the same answer."

But they haven't yet found the solution. Coach Ralph Friedgen called it "frustrating" and admitted that he had no easy fixes. He's focused this week on communication and repetition, hoping to elevate his players' mental game.

If Barnes' theory holds up and the Terps can match the dynamic play of their opponent, Maryland fans could see a more palatable upset.

"As far as us playing Cal this week," Barnes said, "I think, honestly, if we do the same thing Middle Tennessee did to us last week — keep it close around halftime — then I think it'll turn around on them."

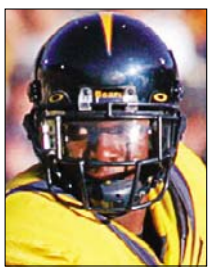
DEREK TURNER

JOHN A. GILLIS/THE DAILY NEWS JOURNAL

Chris Turner threw three interceptions in Maryland's loss to Middle Tennessee State.

BEST OF THE BEARS

Keep an eye on Cal RB Jahvid Best on Saturday. The Terrapins will be.



➜ Ralph Friedgen this week compared Best to Saints back Reggie Bush and said the Bears use Best much the same way Bush was used in his college days at USC. In both the running game and the passing game, they try to get Best room to run. Best rushed for 200 yards last week and already has two touchdown runs of more than 80 yards this season. He's also a receiving threat. "Their idea is to try to get him on the perimeter as much as they can," Maryland linebacker Dave Philistin said. "He's a big-play guy."

More Than Just OSU-USC

COLLEGE PICKS | There's the Big Game being played at the Coliseum on Saturday. And there is a slew of other big games going on all across the country this weekend that have been pushed out of the spotlight by the OSU-USC mega-matchup. The picks:

➜ **NO. 13 KANSAS** (PLUS 3.5) at **NO. 19 SOUTH FLORIDA.** An intriguing matchup between programs on an upswing ... **SOUTH FLORIDA, 31-24.**

➜ **NO. 5 OHIO STATE** (PLUS 10.5) at **NO. 1 SOUTHERN CAL.** This is a big game, if you haven't heard ... **USC, 28-20.**

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Knowshon Moreno and the Bulldogs travel to South Carolina on Saturday.

➜ **NO. 2 GEORGIA** (MINUS 7) at **SOUTH CAROLINA.** The Bulldogs have won three straight in Columbia, but usually it's close ... **GEORGIA, 27-17.**

➜ **NO. 10 WISCONSIN** (MINUS 1.5) at **NO. 21 FRESNO STATE.** The BCS talk will ramp up if the Bulldogs can beat the Badgers ... **WISCONSIN, 28-24.**

➜ **NO. 14 EAST CAROLINA** (MINUS 13) at **TULANE.** Now, the Pirates are the favorites ... **EAST CAROLINA, 28-13.**

➜ **NO. 23 CALIFORNIA** (MINUS 14) at **MARYLAND.** The Bears are averaging 52 points ... **CALIFORNIA, 36-20.** (AP)

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Linebacker James Laurinaitis celebrates with fans after beating Michigan last year to make a BCS game. Ohio State has lost in each of the last two national title games.

Clash Between Century's Best

Perennial powers USC, Ohio State square off in early season contest

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | If the worst that can be said of a college football program is that it played poorly in the last two national championship games, then that program has few problems.

If 11 victories, a top-five ranking and yet another triumphant BCS appearance is considered a down year, life is good for that program.

This is where Ohio State and Southern California currently reside, at the very top of the college football food chain. When the No. 1 Trojans and No. 5 Buckeyes meet Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum, an argument could be made that it's a matchup of the top two programs of this decade.

At the very least, they are members of an exclusive club.

"The main thing you evaluate programs on is a consistency of excellence," said Hall of Fame coach and ESPN analyst Lou Holtz, who led the last great run by Notre Dame. "Anyone can have one or two good recruiting years or a year when the schedule falls into place. But to be consistently excellent takes great leadership and commitment."

For USC and Ohio State, the commitment has always been there. It took the leadership of Pete Carroll and Jim Tressel to make the Buckeyes and Trojans great again.

Under Carroll's leadership, the Trojans are 77-14 and have won the last six Pac-10 titles. Tressel has led his Buckeyes to a 75-16 record, leaving the rest of the Big Ten in the dust.

"I think both [schools] have gone through periods with many dynasties," former Ohio State star Cris Carter said Wednesday. "You have coaches now that have brought the tradition back to a time where you would want to compare the past to the current."

RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

NOT WELLS

OSU coach Jim Tressel said it is doubtful that RB Chris "Beanie" Wells will play Saturday.

➜ Tressel said there was lingering soreness in Wells' right foot after he worked out on Wednesday night. Wells did not practice Thursday morning before departing for Los Angeles. "We were hoping he'd wake up this morning and feel even better than yesterday," Tressel said. "But it didn't happen. We'll see from here." (AP)

GO-GO

The Real Godfather: Chuck Brown, godfather of go-go, plays a free concert at the Kennedy Center Saturday night. | 21

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FOCUS FEATURES

TRIGGER TIME: Clooney plays a marshal who hasn't fired his gun. Maybe the room's abundance of yellow put him over the edge.

Goofy 'n' Good

Coen brothers' tale of an extortion attempt results in hilarity

LARK | "Burn After Reading," the latest offering in the eclectic filmography of Joel and Ethan Coen, is not to be taken seriously — one look at Brad Pitt's blond-streaked pouf of hair tells you that — and it's certainly not to be compared to their starkly violent film "No Country for Old Men."

Having said that, it is by no means a letdown as a follow-up. With its rat-a-tat dialogue and delusional characters, "Burn After Reading" falls more like the brothers' cult-favorite comedies such as "The Big Lebowski."

This time, the filmmakers take their eye for regional detail to Washington for what looks like an espionage thriller, except that the spying uncovers no significant information, everybody is 00clueless, and no one is ever truly in danger. The writer-director brothers seem to have a genuine affection and sympathy for the idiots they've concocted and do not treat their characters with condescension, which they've at times been accused of doing. Meanwhile, the actors are having a blast.

John Malkovich, as a fired CIA analyst whose memoir falls into the wrong hands, is a hilarious marvel of precise, percolating rage. The Coens' old pal, George Clooney, is almost as much of a buffoon here as he was in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Naturally, Frances McDormand is uniquely tuned in to the Coens' rhythms, being one of their frequent stars — not to mention Joel's wife. But Pitt steals every scene in which he appears — and nearly walks away with the whole movie — as an overgrown child of a gym trainer whose bungled schemes get him in way over his head.

The plot of "Burn After Reading" tumbles out like this: Malkovich's Osborne Cox is forced from his job at the Central Intelligence Agency. So, Osborne storms home to Georgetown to drink and begin his memoir. His wife, Katie (Tilda Swinton), was already disgusted with him before he got the ax, as evidenced by her affair with Harry (Clooney), a married federal marshal who is proud to report that he's never had to fire his weapon in 20 years of service. You can see from here how this will end up.

The disc containing Osborne's first draft eventually lands in the laps of a couple of bumbling employees at Hardbodies Fitness Center: Chad (Pitt) and the high-strung Linda (McDormand), who hatch a plan to blackmail Osborne over the classified secrets they think they've uncovered.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Satire Turned Into Celebration

'Women' remake misses the mark on social commentary

MISFIT | Diane English has managed to make the "Sex and the City" movie look like a documentary.

With her remake of George Cukor's 1939 catfight "The Women," based on the play by Clare Booth Luce, English has applied all the lighthearted instincts of her sitcom background and none of the insights of the source material.

"The Women" was intended as a satire of society mavens; in directing for the first time and writing the script, the "Murphy Brown" creator has turned it into a celebration. Sure, it has an all-female cast of solid actresses, as did the original (though perhaps not quite the collection that included Norma Shearer and Rosalind Russell).

Meg Ryan does her cutesy thing in the Shearer role as Mary Haines, a wife who learns her husband is having an affair. Mary's friends, including magazine editor Sylvie Fowler (Annette Bening), rally around her in her time of need, offering snappy one-liners. There are also lunches and dinners in which we must sit and watch the characters rehash events we've already seen, which is about as compelling as it sounds. It's also a preferred tactic on "The Hills," if that tells you anything about the substance "The Women" offers.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Oh, Meg, who would cheat on you? Maybe he saw your flop "In the Cut."

Got Plans?

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It's nearly fall, and I am in the mood to pick apples. However, I've read lately that our recent weather has made wine in our region quite good. Anyplace where we could do both or places that are close to each other?

I say this like pretty much every chat in the fall, but Tarara is a reliable bet for combining the two. I'm gonna try to talk some girlfriends into scouting out a few other wine and apple-picking day trips this fall.

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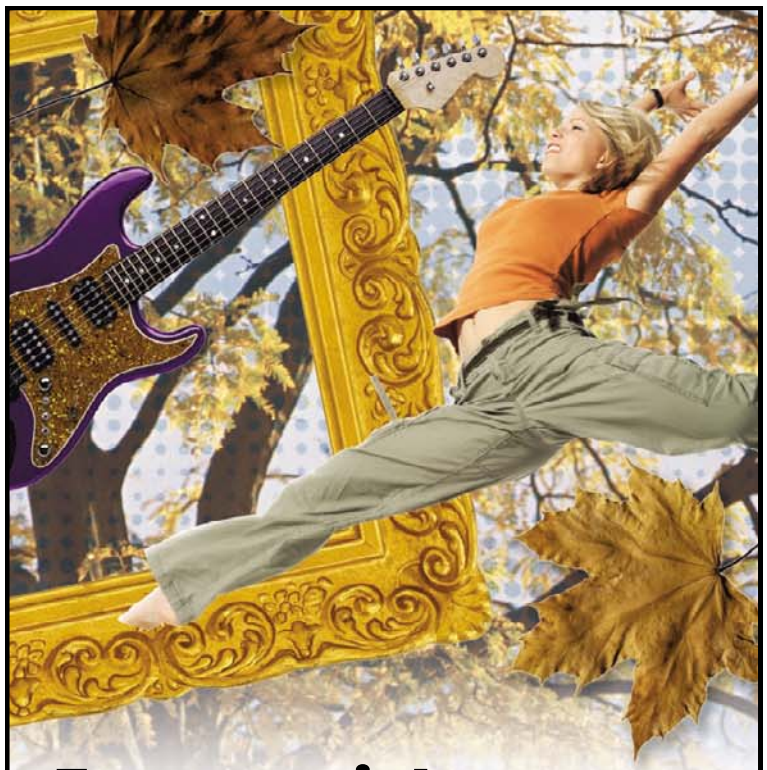

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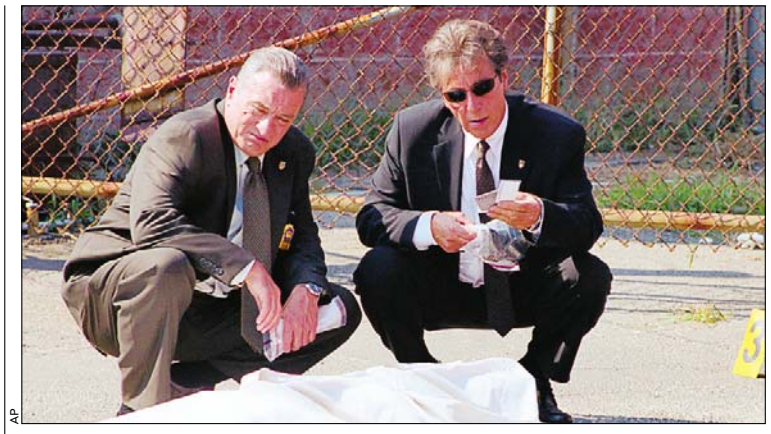
Subpar Pairing

De Niro and Pacino don't live up to the hype in new thriller



AP

You talkin' to me? De Niro and Pacino search for a killer (and their past charisma).

OLD MEN | It's not that the crime thriller "Righteous Kill" is spectacularly awful. It's just thoroughly mediocre — a standard police procedural, a long episode of "Law & Order," unremarkable but for the pairing of Robert De Niro and Al Pacino.

But, really, shouldn't we expect more from these two, considered among the greatest actors of our time? Well, we might have been justified in having high hopes about 15 years ago, before both stars had morphed into caricatures of themselves.

They shared a few moments on screen in Michael Mann's "Heat" in 1995, and they had no scenes together in "The Godfather: Part II." In theory, seeing them play off each other for an entire film should have been a thrill, a clash of the titans. In reality, it's hard to take them seriously, even though each actor has dialed down his all-too familiar persona: the repressed rage of De Niro, the voluminous volatility of Pacino.

Under the pseudo-flashy direction of Jon Avnet (who also directed Pacino this year in the flop "88 Minutes"), De Niro and Pacino play geriatric New York police detectives who go by the nicknames Turk and Rooster. They're on the tail of a serial killer: a vigilante who takes out bad guys who have it coming, then leaves a poem at the crime scene. As the bodies pile up, the evidence suggests that a cop is the one pulling the trigger: The script from Russell Gewirtz drags us down one obvious avenue for most of the film, only to leave us with a gimmicky, obvious twist at the end. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

A Season for Skewering

'Saturday Night Live' returns this weekend with political punch

HENNY RAY ABRAMS/AP

Hammond, left, will channel McCain, while Armisen pontificates as Obama.

RELEVANT | "You can just feel it simmering," says Darrell Hammond while walking down the hallways of Studio 8H with his hands out, as if he can touch the energy around the new season of "Saturday Night Live" pulsating from the walls.

The premiere of "SNL" is Saturday — Michael Phelps is hosting — and it's one of the most anticipated seasons in the 34-year history of the comedy institution.

With such a passionate election, "Saturday Night Live" is beginning early this year. There's also a special the night before the election.

"The stakes are really high, and everyone knows it," says "SNL" executive producer and creator Lorne Michaels. "We'll definitely make some noise."

At the center of that noise will be Hammond and Fred Armisen, the cast members playing the candidates: Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama, respectively. While McCain and Obama duke it out on the campaign trail, their every move will be observed and reflected in the fun-house mirror of these two mimic maestros.

"SNL" has been on an upswing in recent years — creatively and in the ratings — and last year's strike-marred season reminded many of the show's political relevance. Particularly influential was a sketch by veteran writer and political humor specialist Jim Downey that depicted the media fawning over Obama.

Armisen and Hammond, though, prefer not to think about any effect "SNL" might have on the polls.

"I almost feel like it would be a bad idea to put that much pressure on yourself," says Armisen. "I enjoy the theater of it."

"We're distorting a piece of temporary perception of a changing piece of information," says Hammond. "I kind of think of myself as a clown who wears funny noses." JAKE COYLE (AP)

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

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SHUT UP AND DANCE: Groove to Chuck Brown at the Kennedy Center this weekend.

FRIDAY

As band after band jumps on the "perform a classic album in its entirety" gravy train, we're still eyeing the trend suspiciously. Sample (cleaned-up) intraoffice IM exchange:

David: I find the whole thing really stupid. It's called "seeing the band on tour when that album came out."

Fritz: It's called, "I was way too young to see Sonic Youth when 'Daydream Nation' came out." I've seen Sonic Youth in D.C. a number of times and they never do "Candle" or "Eric's Trip," so I'd go.

David: If a band did it unannounced, that's one thing. If Sonic Youth is playing a show and they do half a set, then do "Daydream Nation" for the second half of the set, that's one thing. But to be, like, "We're going to play this album, in order, for you, Internet generation who feels like it deserves to have everything," that's lame.

Rhome: I'd go to a show like that, but it depends on the group. I think Public Enemy (doing "It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back") would be more entertaining than Raekwon (doing "Only Built 4 Cuban Linx").

The reason we bring this up is far more obscure. Tonight is the Black Cat's 15th anniversary, and owner Dante Ferrando's old band Gray Matter is reuniting to perform the six-song EP "Take It Back," a 20-minute slab of vinyl originally released in 1985. It's very much a product of its time, showing hints of the melodic, proto-emo sound of Dischord Records contemporaries Embrace and Rites of Spring while maintaining the aggressive punk edge vocalist/guitarist Geoff Turner, guitarist Mark Haggerty and drummer Ferrando had forged in their previous group, Iron Cross. It should be a show to remember. Opening are locals the Shirks and new hardcore band Domino Team, which features a few of our favorite Black Cat staffers.

Phasefest continues tonight with a hip-hop-tinged lineup. Headlining is Shunda K, one half of the Florida hip-hop group Yo Majesty, which we've described in the past as what would happen if 2 Live Crew and J.J. Fad married and lived in the Dirty South. Closer to home, check out K. Love the Infinite, whose vibe is closer to Mary J. Blige, Outkast or Erykah Badu with some go-go beats thrown in.

SATURDAY

Between birthday parties at the 9:30 Club and holiday weekend concerts at fancy hotel soirees, D.C. audiences rarely run out of chances to see Godfather of Go-Go Chuck Brown. But it's not often you have a chance to watch him play for free at the Kennedy Center. Chuck caps off the center's Open House tonight with a free concert as part of the Dancing Under the Stars series. Show up between 8 and 9 p.m. to learn some funky steps from hip-hop dance instructor Lorenzo Evans, then dance from 9 to 11 p.m. on the River Terrace.

It's time for another Guerilla Lounge at Liv, and starved hip-hop heads of the city can rejoice. Asheru keeps the U Street legacy of beats, rhymes and party rocking alive with his jam session backed by his hybrid band, the ELs (which features an MPC drum machine in place of a drum kit). Keyboardist Zo is celebrating his birthday and a string of successful projects, from his own jazz-hop releases to work with Platinum Pied Pipers to his current '80s tribute with Phonte of Little Brother. He'll be calling on a number of his celebratory associates to add a few surprises to the improv session. You'll have to be there to see who pops up to rock the mic.

SUNDAY

If you missed out on that Caribbean vacation for yet another year, you can immerse yourself in the sounds of some of the islands' biggest stars at Crossroads today (and on into the night) for the One Love Reggae Fest. Buju Banton and Maxi Priest top a bill that also includes the youthful, proud roots and culture of Queen Ifrica and the Rasta messages of Tarrus Riley. The performers allegedly start at 2 p.m., so don't show up too late.

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POOR TRANSITION: Vin Diesel, right, stars in the book-turned-film "Babylon A.D."

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BABYLON A.D. (PG-13, 90 minutes) Somewhere in this mess is a thriller, but it got lost in the translation from a French novel. The film is in English, but not in any coherent way. Vin Diesel stars as a mercenary named Toorop in this futuristic yarn spun in a war-ravaged world. He lives in Russia, having lost his U.S. citizenship. There are a number of impressive visuals, and Diesel, as usual, is fun to watch, but the film is a train wreck. (JH)

BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R, 100 minutes) Nicolas Cage, with weird hair and eyeliner, plays a loner hit man in this remake of the 1999 Thai film of the same title, again directed by the Pang brothers. The hit man tells us in an early voice-over that he prides himself on having no personal life. Uh-oh. In Bangkok to do hits for a local mob boss, he hires a 20-something pickpocket (Shahkrit Yamnarm) to do errands and lets himself grow fond of the guy. Next, he falls in love with a deaf cashier (Charlie Young) at a pharmacy. This lowering of defenses brings trouble. With minimalist dialogue and sharp action sequences, the movie holds our interest, but its heavily noirish style risks self-parody. (JH)

BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13, 103 minutes) Perhaps the film should have been called "The Grapes of Froth," because it tells such a happy story: how the vintners of Napa Valley won the blind tasting known as the Judgment of Paris in 1976 and put their little piece of California paradise on the world wine stage for all time. What a movie: booze, Alan Rickman and really cool pickup trucks. (SH)

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13, 135 minutes) This feature-length version of Evelyn Waugh's tale of homosexuality, class envy, God and redemption must highlight certain themes, de-emphasizing others for the sake of brevity. Director Julian Jarrold's take on the idea-rich novel has become a more narrowly focused story of a love triangle. At the apex stands Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode), a middle-class English atheist who becomes infatuated with the family of Sebastian Flyte (Ben Wishaw), an alcoholic, gay Catholic aristocrat who befriends Charles while the two are students at Oxford. In the other corner is Sebastian's sister Julia (Hayley Atwell), a morose beauty with whom Charles begins a doomed affair. (MO)

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. (SH)

DEATH RACE (R, 89 minutes) It may not be possible to make a film with less plot and more action without catalyzing some drastic change in the whole form, like adding that disastrous last dollop of butter to a delicate French sauce. If a movie could drag its knuckles on the ground, this one would leave eight little tracks in the sand. The film, starring Jason Statham as an ex-con, is supposedly based on the 1975 cult favorite "Death Race 2000," which involved a savage cross-country road rally in heavily armored cars. It isn't so much a movie as a superheated, highly conductive substance for the pure transmission of masculine aggression. (PK)

DISASTER MOVIE (PG-13, 90 minutes) This is the latest juvenile attempt by writers/directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer to milk laughs out of the

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formulas used in their "Scary Movie," "Date Movie" and "Epic Movie." The thread that tries to bind together all of the short comedy ideas has All-American Will (Matt Lanter) trying to get to his girlfriend (Vanessa Minnillo) when the end of the world starts. He's joined on his quest by Calvin (G. Thang), who has less acting abilities than a coma patient. Why would anyone pay to see material they have been able to watch for free for years? (MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS)

FLY ME TO THE MOON (G, 90 minutes) The first animated movie created specifically for the 3-D format, "Fly" boasts knock-your-socks-off visuals. If only the story lived up to the special effects. Nat, IQ and Scooter (voices of Trevor Gagnon, Philip Daniel Bolden and David Gore) are juvenile houseflies with big dreams, fueled largely by the tall tales of Nat's grandfather (Christopher Lloyd), who rode with Amelia Earhart during her solo transatlantic flight. Boys

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DIRTY MONEY: Immigrant smuggling is a means to a lucrative end in "Frozen River."

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being boys — even when they're the size of raisins — they sneak onto the 1969 spacecraft carrying Neil Armstrong and crew to the moon. Needless to say, something goes wrong. (MO)

FROZEN RIVER (R, 97 MINUTES) As Ray Eddy, a single mother of two living in a trailer in upstate New York, Melissa Leo delivers a tough, utterly mesmerizing performance as a woman whose desperation to do right by her kids sends her on a journey all the more astonishing for being so believable. Abandoned by her husband, a compulsive gambler, and ignored for a promotion at the dollar store where she works, Ray crosses paths with Lila (Misty Upham), who lives on the nearby Mohawk reservation. To earn quick money, Lila persuades Ray to drive illegal immigrants across a frozen river, which won't get them into trouble as long as they stay on the rez. It comes as no shock when events spiral out of the women's control. Leo and Upham effortlessly convey the subtleties of their characters' tentative friendship, but "Frozen River" is at its best when it captures the lengths to which parents will go for their kids — and what they ask of them. (AH)

HAMLET 2 (R, 92 minutes) This dazzling little comedy seems, at first glance, to be having a lot of fun with the stock figures of the high school musical and inspirational teacher flicks. But Noah Sapperstein, a diminutive, ninth-grade drama critic played by Shea Pepe, quotes French literary critic Roland Barthes and all but begs you to take the film seriously as social commentary. Sapperstein's devastating reviews target Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan), a hapless man-child and talentless actor spinning out the tail end of his high school drama fantasies into incipient middle age. (PK)

HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13, 98 minutes) Anna Faris plays Shelley, who has just aged out of her right to residency at the Playboy Mansion. She's 27 ("59 in Bunny years!"). And she will never realize her lifelong dream — to be a centerfold. So, poor Shelley is homeless — until she recognizes her tribe, wandering into another mansion. But she can't become a shallow, dizzy sorority girl without enrolling. She can, however, become house mother to the Zekes, the lowliest sorority on campus. This film from the Adam Sandler fun factory starts with a series of obnoxious, dated stereotypes and never quite flips them into something positive. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

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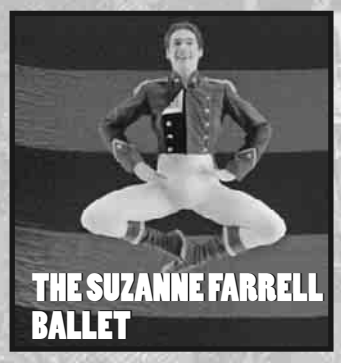
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The relationship of Ferda and Kiymet is one of the few light moments in Parvez Sharma's documentary about homosexuality in the Muslim world. The two Turkish women laugh and touch in public, and in a poignant scene, Kiymet meets Ferda's 80-year-old mother. The introduction goes well, and the three women sit together and joke about life and love. This kind of normality is absent in the lives of Sharma's other characters, most of whom have had to make wrenching choices between pursuing love and remaining within the embrace of traditional societies. Sharma is right to keep his focus tight: He is interested in the faithful and their conflicts, not the broader cultural issues surrounding sex and Islamic society. And thus the director raises the question that haunts the whole film: Who should feel shame: gay Muslims or the Muslims who oppress them? (PK)

THE LONGSHOTS (PG, 94 minutes) Jasmine Plummer (Keke Palmer) lives in the little town of Minden, Ill., and has no interest in sports. Her father is absent, and so she needs adult supervision when her mother (Tasha Smith) takes on extra hours at the diner. Jasmine's disreputable uncle Curtis (Ice Cube) is enlisted to look after her in the afternoon. When he realizes that she has a natural throwing arm and that the local Pop Warner football team is in desperate need of a quarterback, he pushes her to try out. The rest of the story follows the familiar formula closely but not slavishly. The film works so well because the sports elements are the least important. And in a time when so many movies throw in so much casual profanity, it's heartening to see one where the characters are able to express themselves honestly and forcefully without cursing. That attitude earns the film a solid recommendation for all audiences. (MM)

MAMMA MIA! (PG-13, 103 minutes) The brassy, bawdy musical presents itself as a piece of clever counter-programming to this summer's surfeit of pounding, effects-driven comic-book movies. But filmgoers are likely to feel just as bludgeoned, in this case, by an

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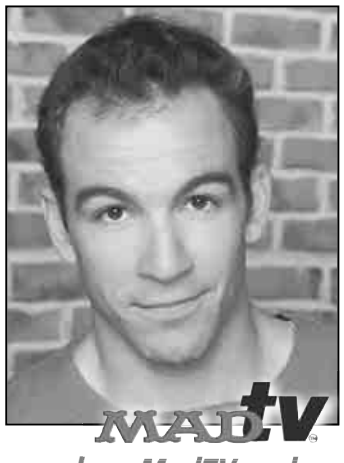

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Abba-bomb wrapped in a huge turquoise-colored feather boa. That's not to say that fun isn't to be had; Streep is a wonderment, belting her way to another winning performance. (AH)

MAN ON WIRE (PG-13, 94 minutes) This documentary opens with a grainy black-and-white reenactment of the events of Aug. 7, 1974, when French high-wire artist Philippe Petit and a group of friends famously pulled off a coup at the newly built World Trade Center. The participants narrate what's happening on-screen, and the story takes on the taut urgency of a thriller. (AH)

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GREAT DISGUISE! If you couldn't tell, that's Nicolas Cage, left, starring in the dismal thriller "Bangkok Dangerous."

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13, 113 minutes) Tiresome and messy, director Rob Cohen waters the film down to globs of plot, strung between shapeless action sequences and humorless repartee. Archaeologist/tomb-raider Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) and his adventurer-writer wife, Evelyn (Maria Bello), live in bored retirement in 1946 England. They're thrilled when the government asks them to deliver a priceless gem to a Shanghai museum. Meanwhile, their son, Alex (Luke Ford), has gone on a dig in China, discovering

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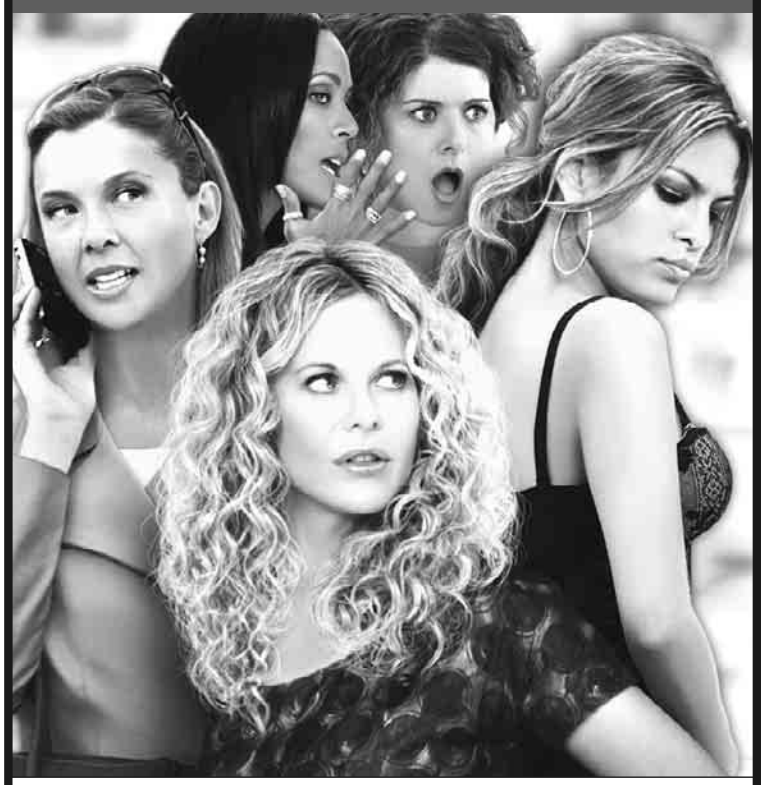

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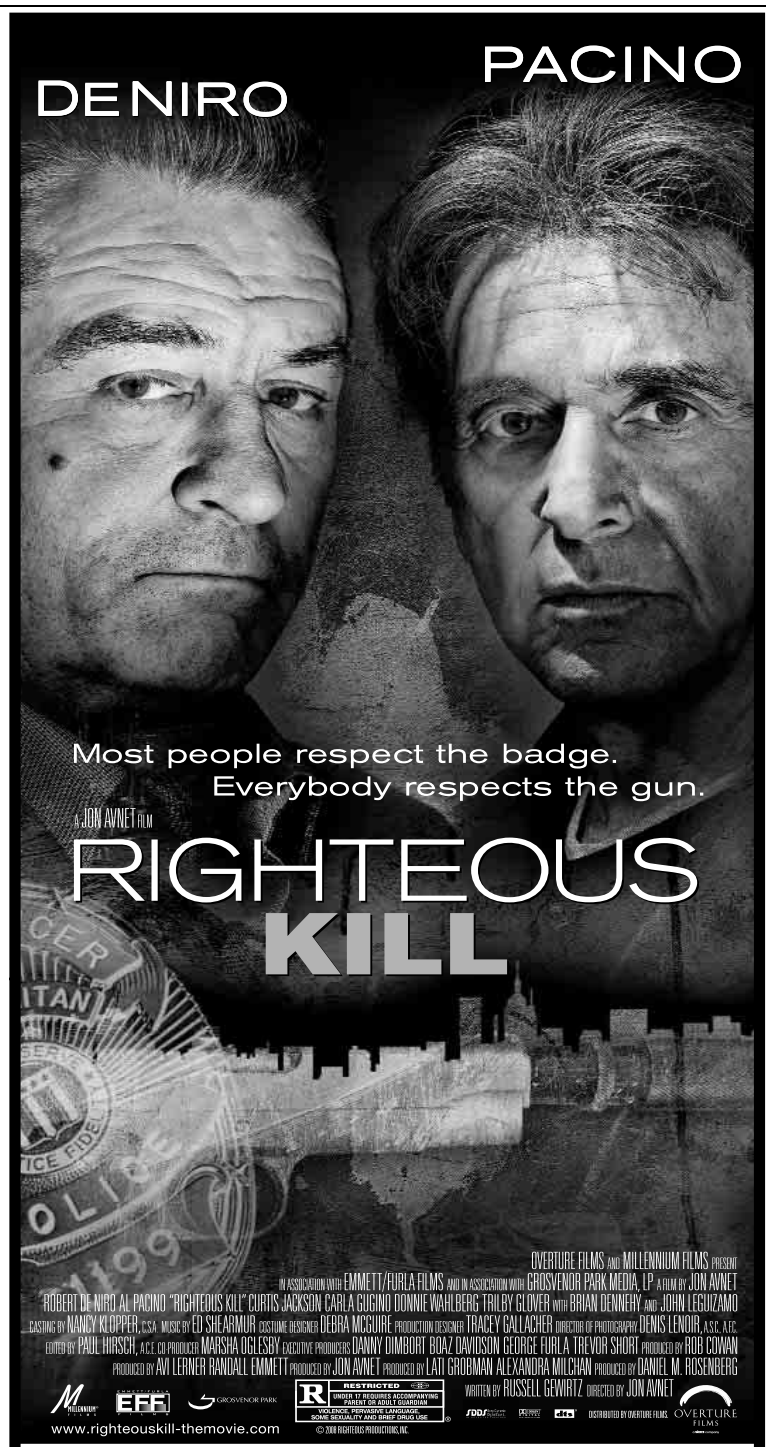

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PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R, 113 minutes) Judd Apatow's latest production stars co-writer Seth Rogen as loser Dale Denton, a process-server with a girlfriend who's still in high school and a lifestyle that revolves around two things: getting wasted and staying wasted. When Dale witnesses a brutal crime, he runs straight to his dealer, Saul (James Franco), and soon the two are on the lam from corrupt police, a cold-blooded drug kingpin and members of a ruthless Asian gang. (AH)

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13, 117 MINUTES) For all its flaws and its flaunting of credulity, the film has four very good things going for it: Alexis Bledel (Lena), America Ferrera (Carmen), Blake Lively (Bridget) and Amber Tamblyn (Tibby). The film has distinct story lines, held loosely together by the peripatetic pants, which get FedExed around the globe. (TERESA WILTZ)

STEP BROTHERS (R, 93 minutes) Brennan Huff (Will Ferrell) and Dale Doback (John C. Reilly) are capital-L losers who live with their single parents, who then meet, fall in love and a few weeks later get married. Thus Dale and Brennan meet and immediately hate each other. (SH)

TROPIC THUNDER (R, 111 minutes) In this rude, crude, over-the-top satire about rude, crude, over-the-top action movies, Ben Stiller makes an ambitious and surprisingly effective bid to skewer Hollywood's darker excesses. The movie-within-the-movie, the eponymous "Tropic Thunder" is an adaptation of a Vietnam War memoir by Four Leaf Tayback (Nick Nolte). He's played by Tugg Speedman (Stiller), whose most critically acclaimed performance so far has been as a developmentally challenged farm boy in "Simple Jack."

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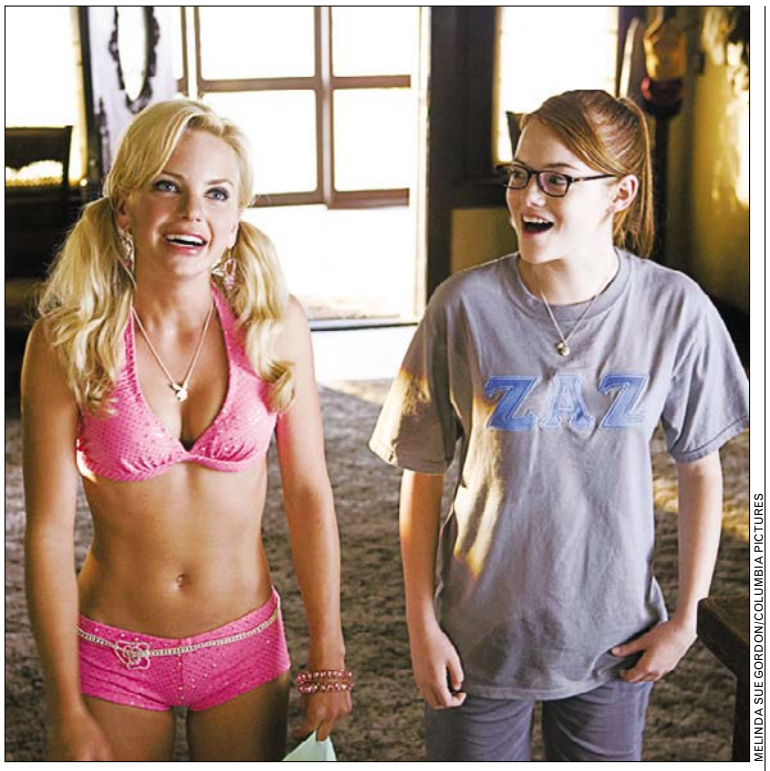
Speedman's co-star is five-time Oscar winner Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey Jr.), who has undergone a "pigmentation augmentation operation" to play his black character. (AH)

TRAITOR (PG-13, 114 minutes) Once again, there are terrorists in our midst, and, once again, they are Muslims, hiding in sleeper cells, waiting to cause mayhem. Heroic action is needed. To save us from the terrorists? More pressing, to save us from such films as this long-winded thriller, starring Don Cheadle as a conflicted Muslim who is either an undercover U.S. operative, a ruthless killer or both. (PK)

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Life is still meaningless, but this time we get the message from Spain's two best (and best-looking) actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, who play Juan Antonio and Maria Elena, two divorced painters who have driven each other to attempted homicide. Their explosive relationship is reignited by Scarlett Johansson, who enters their lives as Cristina, an American spending her summer in Barcelona. (DAN ZACK)

WALL•E (G, 97 minutes) Set in a future in which the only wildlife is the cockroach, "WALL•E" refers to our hero: a Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth class. He has been left behind to toil — meanwhile, humankind has been traveling through space for 700 years waiting for Earth to regenerate. The human race has been reduced to obesity, sloth and interactive video screens. This is not the Enchanted Forest. It's too plausible for that. (JA)



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LIFE LESSONS: "House Bunny" teaches smart girls how to be used for their looks.

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
(!) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
(!) 11:30, 11:45, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:05, 7:15, 7:40, 9:45, 10:10
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
(!) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
TRAITOR (PG-13)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
11:45, 2:10, 4:40
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12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15
FROZEN RIVER (R)
12:55, 3:20, 5:35, 7:550, 10:10
TRANSSIBERIAN (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13)
2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
TELL NO ONE (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

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THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
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TRAITOR (PG-13)
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55, 10:15
FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
12:05, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:45, 7:25, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)
12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
TROPIC THUNDER (R)
3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45

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THE WOMEN (PG-13)
5:30, 8:00, 10:30
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
5:15, 7:45, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
5:00, 7:30, 9:50
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)
4:15, 7:00, 9:30

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)
12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
BURN AFTER READING (R)
11:55, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20
GUNDE JALLEMUNDI
11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10:15
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
TRAITOR (PG-13)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50
TROPIC THUNDER (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
ASHTA CHEMMA (NR)
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND (R) 9:45, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 9:55
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
FROZEN RIVER (R)
10:15, 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 8:00, 10:00
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13)
9:55, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:50, 9:50
TRANSSIBERIAN (R)
10:10, 12:15, 2:30, 7:10, 9:20
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TELL NO ONE (NR)
12:50, 3:50, 6:50
HAMLET 2 (R)
1:30, 3:45, 9:50
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13)
2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
A JIHAD FOR LOVE (NR)
2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
FROZEN RIVER (R)
12:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13)
1:10, 7:10
MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
4:10, 9:55

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11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00
***RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)**
12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:25, 9:45
***THE WOMEN (PG-13)**
11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
***BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)**
11:35, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
TRAITOR (PG-13)
11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
THE LONGSHOTS (PG)
12:10, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:15
TROPIC THUNDER (R)
11:50, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55
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SPACE STATION 3D (NR–NOT RATED) 2:10, 3:50, 5:30

DIGITAL 3D

FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G) (10:05 @ $8), 12:10, 2:30, 7:00
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) 4:40, 9:10, 11:30

PROUD AMERICAN (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00, 12:25
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (11:30 @ $6), 12:25, 2:20, 3:00, 5:05, 5:45, 7:40, 8:20, 10:15, 11:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) CC 12:25, 3:00, 5:45, 8:20, 11:10
SURFER, DUDE (R) (10:25 @ $6), 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50, 12:05
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:20, 11:00, 11:40 @ $6), 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 8:40, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40, 12:25
THE WOMEN (PG13) (10:45 @ $6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10, 12:30
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 3:40, 8:35
DISASTER MOVIE (PG13) 12:00, 2:05, 4:25
TRAITOR (PG13) (10:10 @ $6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:55, 8:25, 11:05
DEATH RACE (R) (10:00 @ $6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:40 @ $6), 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
MIRRORS (R) 1:05, 5:55, 10:50
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 7:30, 10:05
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG13) (11:25 @ $6), 2:10, 4:50
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:30

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BURN AFTER READING (R) (11:45 @ $6), 12:15, 2:15, 2:50, 4:45, 5:25, 7:15, 7:55, 9:45, 10:25, 12:15
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) (10:30 @ $6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35

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KUNG FU PANDA: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) 2:10, 4:35, 6:55, 9:30
SPACE STATION 3D (NR–NOT RATED) (10:45 AM @ $9), 12:30 PM

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

BABYLON A.D. (PG13) (10:30 @ $6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (11:45 @ $6), 2:20, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:15, 11:05 @ $6), 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00
THE WOMEN (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) (11:20 @ $6), 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
DISASTER MOVIE (PG13) 6:00, 8:30, 10:50
TRAITOR (PG13) (11:10 @ $6), 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
TRAITOR (PG13) CC (11:10 @ $6), 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:20 @ $6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
MIRRORS (R) 9:50 PM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (10:25 @ $6), 12:50, 3:30
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (11:50 @ $6), 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 3:00, 6:40, 10:20
MAMMA MIA! (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 1:40, 4:15, 7:10

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BURN AFTER READING (R) (11:30 @ $6), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) ✓ 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:05, 10:20, 11:25
SURFER, DUDE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:30, 11:30
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE WOMEN (PG13) ✓ 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
TRAITOR (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50
TRAITOR (PG13) CC ✓ 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 4:40, 9:45
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG13) 1:10
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 3:50, 7:05, 10:15

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BURN AFTER READING (R) ✓ 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15, 11:30
BURN AFTER READING (R) ✓ 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
HAMLET 2 (R) ✓ 2:15, 7:20

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SPACE STATION 3D (NR–NOT RATED) (10:35 @ $9), 2:35, 6:35

DIGITAL 3D

FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G) (11:50 @ $8), 2:00, 6:50
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) 4:20, 9:10

PROUD AMERICAN (PG) (11:05 @ $6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) ✓ (11:00, 11:45 @ $6), 1:40, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45, 12:05
SURFER, DUDE (R) ✓ (10:40 @ $6), 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05, 12:15
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) ✓ (10:00, 10:45 @ $6), 12:45, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:45
THE WOMEN (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ $6), 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30, 12:10
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) ✓ (11:35 @ $6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) 7:55, 10:40
DISASTER MOVIE (PG13) (10:05 @ $6), 12:20, 2:40
TRAITOR (PG13) (11:25 @ $6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:15
DEATH RACE (R) (11:15 @ $6), 4:45, 10:25
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:15 @ $6), 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (11:10 @ $6), 1:35, 4:05
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (11:20 @ $6), 1:55, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
TROPIC THUNDER (R) CC (11:20 @ $6), 1:55, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 1:45, 7:20
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 2:20, 5:05
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 6:30, 9:55

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BURN AFTER READING (R) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:10

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PROUD AMERICAN (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
THE WOMEN (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) ✓ 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
TRAITOR (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
SEX AND THE CITY (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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HAMLET 2 (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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PROUD AMERICAN (PG) (10:20 @ $6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) (10:35 @ $6), 12:35, 1:35, 3:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:30, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:15, 11:05 @ $6), 12:05, 1:05, 2:05, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) (11:55 @ $6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
DISASTER MOVIE (PG13) 2:20, 7:50
TRAITOR (PG13) (10:30 @ $6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
TRAITOR (PG13) CC (10:30 @ $6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
DEATH RACE (R) (10:45 @ $6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
THE LONGSHOTS (PG) (11:30 @ $6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
MIRRORS (R) (11:20 @ $6), 4:50, 10:50

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 4:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 9:50
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10
I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG13) 4:30, 10:05
TRANSSIBERIAN (R) 1:45, 7:20
FROZEN RIVER (R) 2:00, 7:30
TELL NO ONE (NR–NOT RATED) 4:50, 9:40

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:30, 8:30

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DIGITAL 3D

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (9:50 @ $8), 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05, 12:25

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) ✓ (10:00, 11:15 @ $6), 12:45, 1:55, 3:20, 4:35, 6:00, 7:15, 8:40, 10:00, 11:15, 12:40
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) ✓ (10:35 @ $6), 12:00, 1:20, 2:40, 4:05, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:45, 11:00, 12:30
THE WOMEN (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, 12:55
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) ✓ (9:55 @ $6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:35, 1:00
BABYLON A.D. (PG13) 5:50, 8:15, 10:40, 12:55
TRAITOR (PG13) (10:55 @ $6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55, 12:35
DEATH RACE (R) 7:55, 10:25, 1:00
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) (10:20 @ $6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (10:05 @ $6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:25
TROPIC THUNDER (R) (11:20 @ $6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10, 12:45
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 10:55 PM
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) CC 12:05, 3:40, 7:05, 10:20
MAMMA MIA! SING A LONG (PG13) (10:00 @ $6), 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20
WALL-E (G) (10:30 @ $6), 12:55, 3:30

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BURN AFTER READING (R) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, 12:50
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) (10:15 @ $6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:55, 8:25, 10:50

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Television

WILL IT BE CALLED 'GONE WITH THE HILLS'? Lauren Conrad has signed a three-book deal to write about her experiences in Hollywood. Michiko Kakutani has not yet commented on this bright young literary talent, but we're sure she's excited.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

LAW AND ORDER: DODGEBALL

GYM TEACHER: THE MOVIE (8 p.m., Fri., Nickelodeon) is as funny and silly as its title, and that's saying a lot. Cast against type as a failed Olympic gymnast-turned-middle school PE instructor, Christopher Meloni ("Law & Order: SVU") makes the most of a goofy, slapstick character.

UGLY IS A STRONG WORD

Eva Longoria Parker hosts **THE 2008 ALMA AWARDS** (8 p.m., Fri, ABC). America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty") is named entertainer of the year.

GETTING TO KNOW HER

Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., Fri., ABC): portions of an interview with vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

I KNOW! WE'LL PLAY DEAD!

Keller may have a solution on **STARGATE ATLANTIS** (10 p.m., Fri., Sci Fi).

ASK DR. HOUSE

Jay Leno hosts Hugh Laurie, Dame Edna and Raphael Saadiq on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., Fri., NBC).

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DINOSAURS! The cast of "Primeval" battles prehistoric beasties in modern times.

DANGEROUS CRIMINALS

On two episodes of **LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT** (NBC, Sat.), a plot to kill a foreign diplomat (9 p.m.) and murder down by the river (10 p.m.).

IT'S TWISTER! NO, WAIT ...

Jeremy London and Lexa Doig star in the 2008 shocker **BA'AL: THE STORM GOD** (9 p.m., Sat., Sci Fi).

T. REX TECHNOLOGY

The tear in time's fabric presents a whole new kind of terror on the first-season finale of **PRIMEVAL** (9 p.m., Sat., BBC America).

WILL HE WEAR A SPEEDO?

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (11:30 p.m., Sat., NBC) returns for a new season, featuring Michael Phelps as host and Lil Wayne as musical guest.

TRUST NO ONE

Scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (7 p.m., Sun., CBS): bad lab science and wrongful convictions; a profile of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

FUN WITH FOSSILS

Leonardo is not your father's dinosaur. Profiled in **SECRETS OF THE DINOSAUR MUMMY** (9 p.m., Sun., Discovery), Leonardo is a perfectly preserved ancient reptile that happens to be more than 77 million years old. "Secrets" uses computer graphics to illustrate Leo's last violent hours and offers visual speculations about the unique conditions that allowed his body to remain undisturbed for so many years.

AND THEN BITES HER!

Bill rescues Sookie from a tight spot on **TRUE BLOOD** (9 p.m., Sun., HBO).

GOD NEEDS ADS, TOO

Peggy's parish priest thinks she has something unique to contribute to the congregation on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., Sun., AMC).

LIFETIME

HOME FRONT LADIES: Kim Delaney and Sally Pressman on "Army Wives."

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

Trevor's dark secret alarms Roland on **ARMY WIVES** (10 p.m., Sun., Lifetime).

YOUTH IS SO DIFFICULT

A young man (Richard Burton) rebels against his wife, his life and society's conventions in director Tony Richardson's 1959 adaptation of John Osborne's "angry young man" London stage drama **LOOK BACK IN ANGER** (10:15 p.m., Sun., TCM). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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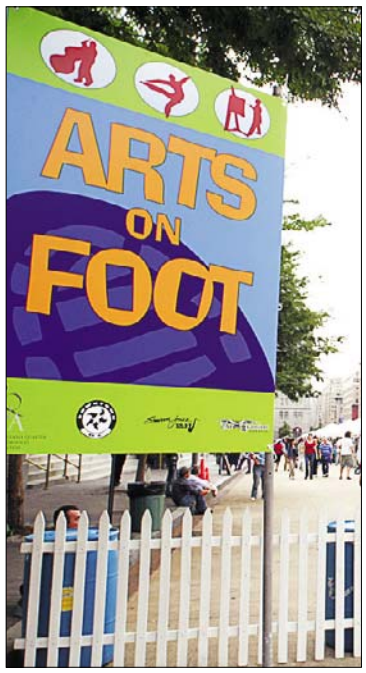
3 These Hills Are Alive

If you — like me, like everyone else born after 1955 — grew up watching "The Sound of Music," you can probably sing every word. Despite Julie Andrews' unfortunate haircut, her Alpine adventures have captivated every young girl (and most of the boys) at some point in their development. If you were one of these people — don't be embarrassed! — EatBar has a treat for you and your inner child. This Sunday, you can recapture your lost youth at the "Sound of Music Sing-a-Long," where there will be free popcorn and some very lively hills. F.Z.

➜ *EatBar, 2761 Washington Blvd., Arlington; Sun., 8 p.m., free; 703-778-9951.*

2 District Festival



If you live in the District, you might notice that while Alexandria and other D.C. suburbs seem to be bursting with festivals, the city itself gets a little shafted. I've seen you try to shrug it off, but you need hide your feelings no more! Wines of Argentina is sponsoring (for the zillionth year in a row) the Arts on Foot festival. Penn Quarter will become a maelstrom of local art and food, with an outdoor festival and booths and tastings from D.C. restaurants and, oh, you've never seen such a show! F.Z.

➜ *Penn Quarter, centered at 7th and F streets NW; Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 202-626-0011. (Gallery Place)*

5 People in the Street

The 18th Street most know is the weekend night incarnation — loud, drunk, gross. However, when the crowds clear, independent businesses, tasty food (no, not Jumbo Slice) and pleasant watering holes (no, not Tom Tom) emerge. These places are celebrated once annually on the fabulous Adams Morgan Day. K.E.

➜ *18th Street between Florida Avenue and Columbia Road; Sun., 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., free; 202-232-1960, Adamsmorgandayfestival.com. (Woodley Park)*

4 Fun, Loving

Roots rockers Cowboy Mouth know how to have fun — as with their song "This Much Fun" — but they also know when it's time to get serious and write that ballad. In this case, it was a girl who prompted the change — that wretched, wretched Katrina. From these sons and daughter of New Orleans, "The Avenue" is a heartfelt tribute to their city. See it played along with all the happier jams Friday at the 9:30 Club. With Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers. K.E.

➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., $25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

top stops WEEKEND

1 Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

Oh, my God, you guys, Cheech and Chong are coming to the ... what's the name of that place? It kind of looks like a cake. Hey, we should get some cake. Or cupcakes. Wait, wait. No, they're going to be doing ... what's that stuff? — comedy. At the cake building. Warner Theatre, thank you! It was on the tip of my tongue. You guys, my tongue feels weird. F.Z.

➜ *Warner Theatre, 513 13th St., NW; Sat., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., $39.50-$59.50; 202-783-4000. (Metro Center)*

COMPILED BY Express' Karmah Elmusa and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day — and for what's coming up this weekend — at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

dine&dash

JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

This Stuff, It Is Indeed Quite Good

CAPITOL HILL isn't used to the fanfare that accompanied the opening of Good Stuff Eatery (303 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 202-543-8222; Goodstuffeatery.com) — a flurry of interest powered by the fame of its creator, Spike Mendelsohn, a recent contender on Bravo TV's "Top Chef."

Lines of eager patrons snaked down the street for weeks after Good Stuff's debut in July, which is why this Cap Hill resident held off till now on sampling its wares.

It was worth the wait.

Good Stuff is a burger joint, and it has settled into its niche with meaty aplomb. Three lo-fi burgers — regular, cheese and bacon-cheese — share the menu with eight action-packed originals, including Uncle D's Chili 'N Cheddar and Colletti's Smokehouse, which includes onion rings among its toppings.

We started safely with the Farmhouse Bacon Cheeseburger and the scrumptious Village Fries, which are topped with rosemary and thyme. The burger was well-seasoned and pleasingly juicy, imbued with a Five Guys-level addictive quality.

We were so hooked, in fact, that we made another visit — research, right? — the next week and sunk our teeth into the Big Stuff Bacon Meltdown, a two-patty, two-napkin delicious heart attack on a plate.

The biggest surprise was the flavored mayo dipping sauces; the mango and Old Bay were best. The biggest disappointment: the dining area's oppressive music.

Next up to explore: the dessert menu. Yum. GREG BARBER (EXPRESS)

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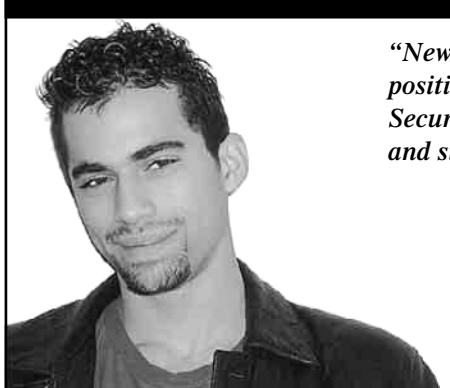

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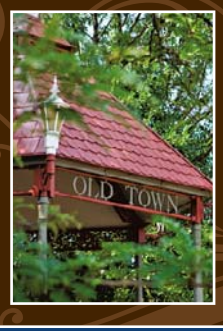

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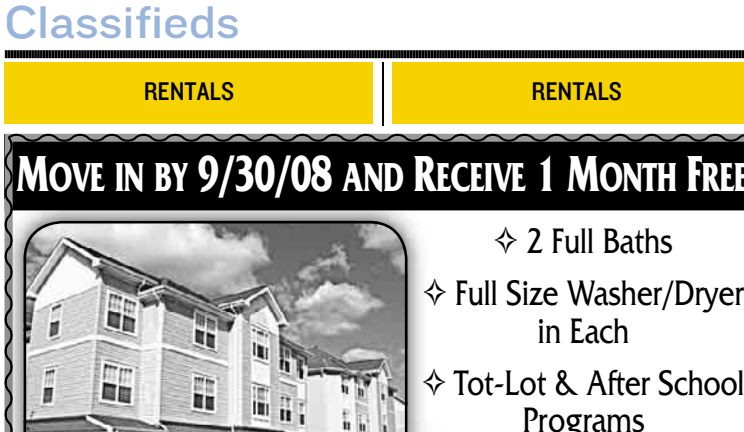

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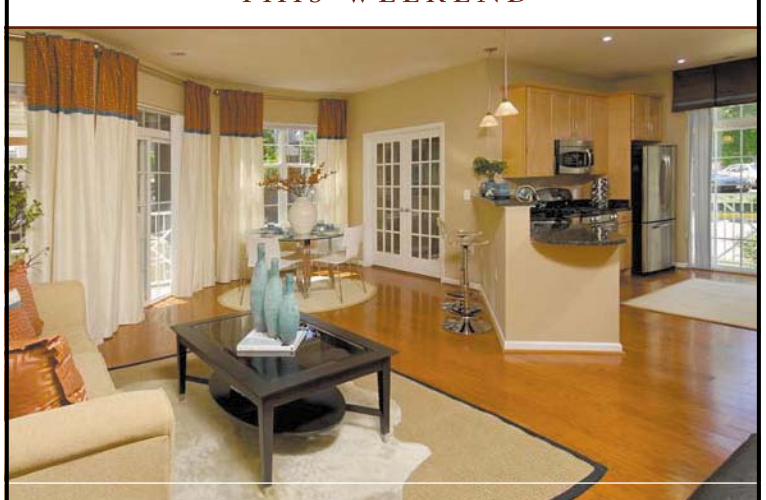

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CRAFTY PURSUIT: Danielle Athanas, 27, of Salem, N.H., holds homemade mittens that she received by mail in a craft swap.

Swap Team

Pastimes

Craft enthusiasts trade their creations by mail with strangers

Imagine receiving a pair of handmade sea monster arms in the mail: long, green, covered in suction cups.

Danielle Athanas was understandably surprised, then delighted.

"When I opened the box, my first reaction was, 'What am I going to do with these?' Then I thought, 'Oh! Now I have a Halloween costume — I haven't dressed up for Halloween in years!'" says Athanas, who received the costume accessories along with a box of other ocean-themed goodies as part of an online craft swap.

At a time when Web sites such as Etsy.com have created a booming marketplace for those looking to buy or sell handmade items online, other crafters are fueling another trend: swapping their goods with strangers.

> "On the whole, I have always been delighted when I get a package in the mail."
>
> **JENNA ZEIDLER**, CRAFT SWAPPER

"I love to craft and I hate keeping stuff. When I make something and I keep it, I tend to look at all the things I could've done better. So, I like to give things away," says Athanas.

"And the other thing for me is it's really cool when I stop and think about it that stuff that I made is all over the country," she says. "Little old me: I sit and crotchet in front of my TV, and my stuff is all over the place."

Athanas, 27, of Salem, N.H., has completed seven swaps since March and has three in progress. Her favorite place to sign up is Craftster.org, where swaps range from embroidered tea towels to "pagan, wiccan or witchcraft-related" items. Most call for completed items, but some involve swapping fabric or crafting supplies.

At Swap-bot.com, a site devoted exclusively to swaps, the most popular ones tend to involve artist trading cards — small works of art that let participants share their artistic styles with others. At any given time, the site features 500 active swaps, and it has hosted more than 20,000 since 2005.

Swap-bot uses a computer algorithm to mix up participants and assign partners, sends out reminder e-mails to participants, and includes a feedback system to deter "flakers" or cheaters who don't send their packages.

But why go through the trouble of making something for someone you don't know?

"I think the No. 1 thing is that the lure of getting a package in the mail is pretty strong," says Rachel Johnson, 27, of Eugene, Ore., who founded the site with her husband. "But I like to think it's also a way of connecting physically with someone you only know as a screen name. People are meeting and connecting with people from different countries and different cultures."

Jenna Zeidler, who posts links to every craft swap she can find on her blog, Swapdex.blogspot.com, agrees. She sees craft swaps as part of the larger resurgence of handmade goods.

Athanas has received mosaic tiles, notebooks and hand-stitched fabric in the mail.

"When you swap a handmade item, it's like you're getting a relationship with the person that made it because you made something for them and they made something for you," she says.

"As there's been this revival of handmade over the mass-produced, I think people want more of a connection with the item and with the creator of the item."

Zeidler, 27, of Champaign, Ill., estimates she has completed 150 swaps in the last seven years. Many of the early swaps were art-focused (she remembers getting some "weird molten glass sculptures" in one swap), but the trend recently has been toward making functional items, such as tea towels or aprons.

Zeidler has posted links to about 400 swaps in the year since she started her site.

Aside from two or three swaps where it was clear her partner put little effort into the project, she has no complaints about what she has received.

"On the whole, I have always been delighted when I get a package in the mail," she said. HOLLY RAMER (AP)

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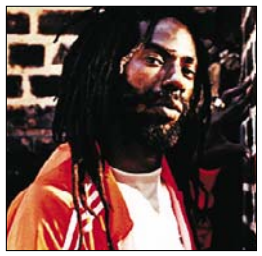
MUSIC

At the Crossroads



One Love is the annual gathering of reggae talent at Crossroads nightclub, and wedged among stars such as Buju Banton, Maxi Priest and Tarrus Riley is up-and-coming singer-songwriter Duane Stephenson. Christopher Porter spoke to Stephenson in February, the first time he played in D.C. | COMING UP

COMEDY

The Bitch Is Back

Sandra Bernhard is performing at Theater J through Sept. 28, and since it's D.C., she says, "I'll pepper the show with politics." Topics include that perennial crowd-pleaser, the Middle East, John McCain and President Bush. Bob Massey spoke with Bernhard about plenty more, too. | COMING UP

MUSIC

Kinds of Blue

The music of Australian singer-songwriter Xavier Rudd is a battle between light and dark. The folkie is already a household name in his native land, and Rudd appears Sept. 14 at 9:30 Club. He gave Rudi Greenberg a track-by-track tour of his new CD, "Dark Shades of Blue. | COMING UP

comment board

"Yes, I believe there will be other attacks. No, I don't live my life in fear of its happening. I go about my daily life the same as before Sept. 11."

COMMENTER NANCY, WHO ADDED, "LIVING IN FEAR IS WHAT THE TERRORIST WORLD WANTS YOU TO DO."

"No, a ragtag band of bearded farmers do not scare me; it is elitist American men (and women) in suits and ties partying in our halls of power."

COMMENTER WTF, WHO ADDED, "I FEAR OUR GOVERNMENT FAR MORE THAN A TERRORIST ATTACK."

"Yes, I do fear there could be another terrorist attack in the U.S. I am always aware of what is going on around me now, and no matter how many years after 9/11, it is important to keep our guard up."

COMMENTER LISA, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SEVEN YEARS AFTER 9/11, DO YOU FEAR ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK IN THE U.S.?"

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SEVEN YEARS AFTER 9/11, DO YOU FEAR ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK IN THE U.S.?

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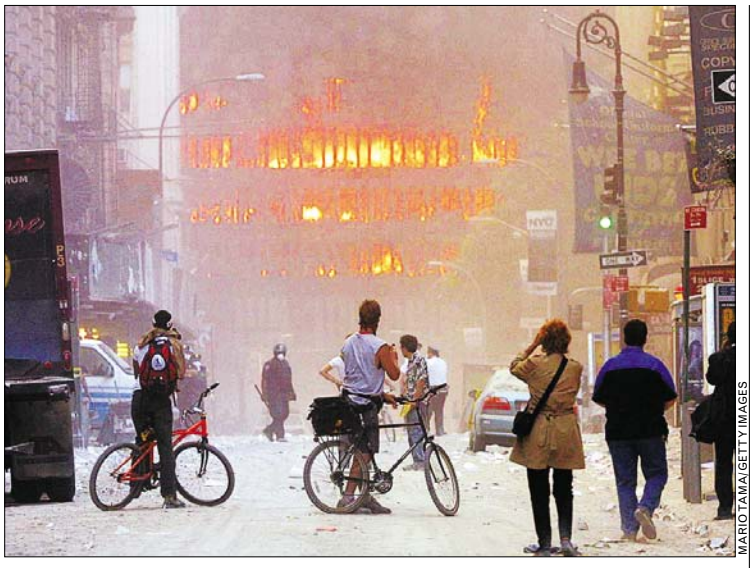
Blog LOG

"Super-Stocked Safeway might be a [good] name after witnessing a sneak preview. The corner of 5th and L Streets NW never looked so good."

PQLIVING.COM GOT AN EARLY LOOK AT THE NEWEST SAFEWAY IN D.C., THOUGH, INITIALLY, THE BLOGGER CAME UP WITH THE RELATIVELY BANAL NAME OF "CITY SAFEWAY."



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"I still remember that day like it was yesterday. The shock. The sadness. The desperation. The anger. The patriotism. The ensuing war."

ANORANGECOUNTYGIRL.BLOGSPOT.COM RECALLS HER THOUGHTS ON SEPT. 11, 2001, ADDING, "I'M SORRY THAT THIS TRAGEDY HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A POLITICAL PLOY."

"ONE OF THE hardest things about today is listening to those around me try to one-up each other, in some perverse game of Six Degrees of 9/11. 'How close can I be to the tragedy, so it can be more my tragedy than yours?'"

WHATLIZSAID.COM CLAIMS HER DISGUST FOR SUCH BEHAVIOR, THEN POINTS OUT THAT SHE'S "FROM NEW YORK CITY ... AND WAS ACTUALLY AWAKE WHEN IT HAPPENED."

"We are overwhelmed with Roma tomatoes from our garden. Perhaps this is a good time to teach the kids in my 'food appreciation' classes a thing or two about canning."

THESLOWCOOK.BLOGSPOT.COM REWARDED HER ARMY OF CHILD COOKS WITH "A SAUCE OF TOMATOES FRESH FROM THE GARDEN, [WHICH] DELIVERS UNCOMMON FLAVOR. THE KIDS QUICKLY WOLFED IT DOWN."

Discussions

Cohn-Head

ESPN's **LINDA COHN** was online Thursday to discuss "Cohn-Head: A No-Holds-Barred Account of Breaking Into the Boys' Club," her chronicle of her career as a female anchor in the male-dominated world of TV sports.

I have been a longtime fan of yours on ESPN, especially your work with the NHL. In my opinion, your being on TV and John Buccigross' hockey column on the Web site are the two main reasons I pay attention to ESPN.

I love hockey. I hope ESPN gets hockey back. I wish I could have played goalie in the NHL!

While I admire your breaking into the old boys club, is the rumor of 12 toes true or not?

It's not true and never has been. I would have had a hard time fitting so many toes in a hockey goalie skate if it was.

If there is one thing that bugs me about network sports and female reporters, it is how they are segregated to the "sideline reporter" roles. There are plenty of good female reporters who would do fine in the booth or getting to do real interviews that last longer than one question, but it seems like those spots are left for the retired jocks who are dumber than stumps, while the capable women are segregated, and the fact that they're given only these limited roles perpetuates the idea that those are the only roles they can hold. Any thoughts?

There are a lot of quality female reporters out there. But when I speak to young aspiring journalists, I always tell them to aim high. If they truly love sports and have a passion and knowledge for it, they should strive to be an anchor or an analyst. The role of sideline reporter may soon go away, anyway. Some networks have already gotten rid of that role.

During your first forays into male locker rooms, was there any, um, anatomical awkwardness?

I write about my early locker room experiences in my book. Some serious, some just boys-being-boys silly. First rule of thumb: You should leave there knowing the color of the eyes of the player you interviewed.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: The Post's Warren Brown answers your questions about every aspect of the automotive industry at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

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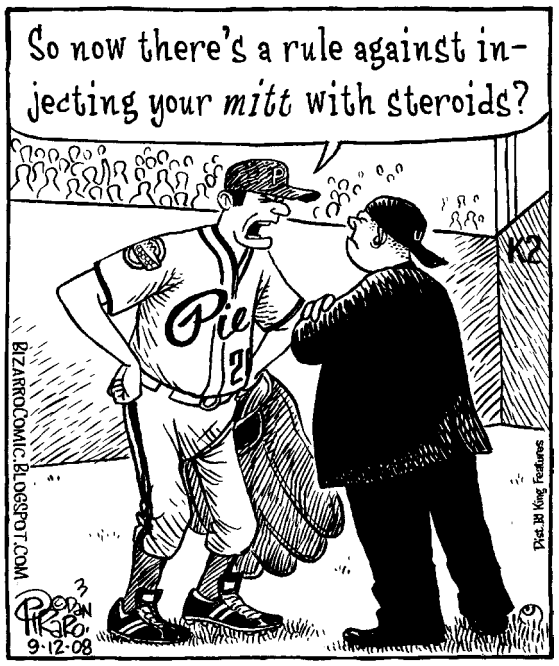
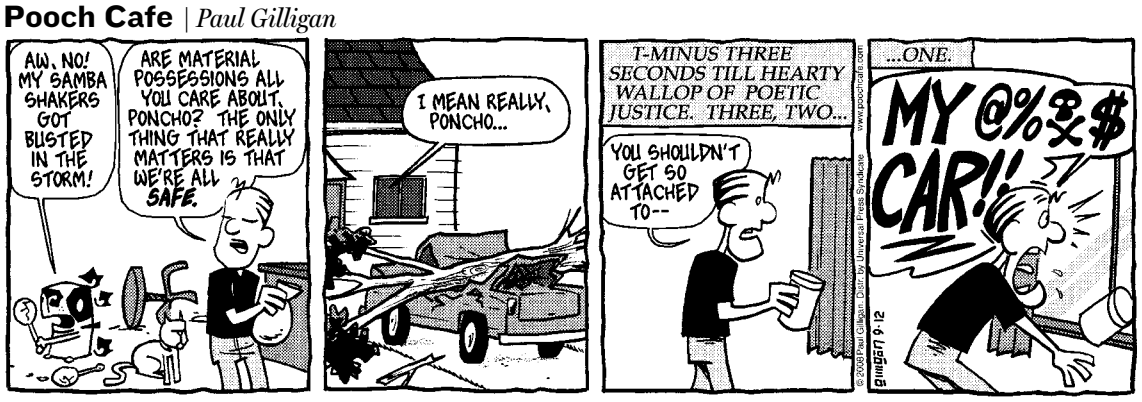
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



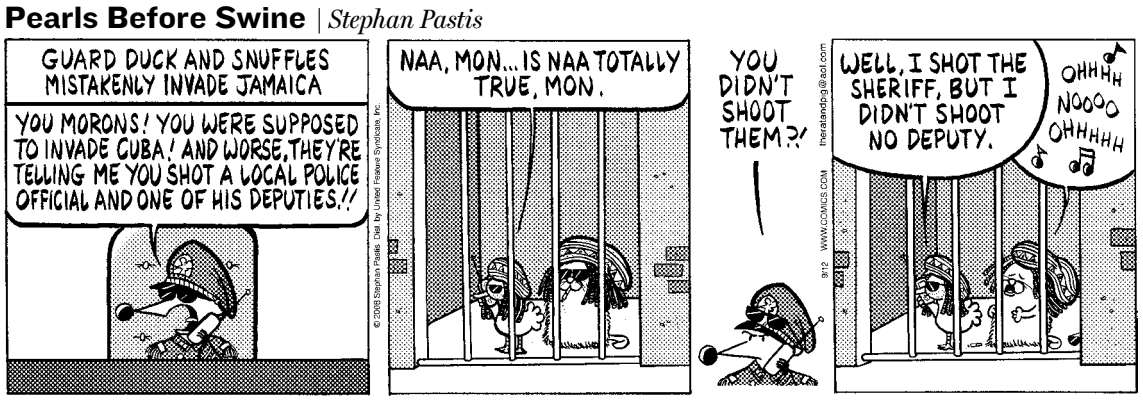
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"He didn't say 'I do.' Have you always been attracted to the strong, silent type?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your contribution to another's cause is likely to have a profound and lasting effect. Do what you can to do all you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take the lead, and others will surely follow — though you needn't, for a while, explain where you are headed at all. Keep it a mystery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What appears straightforward is not likely to be what it seems when all is said and done — and vice versa. Interpret carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What are you waiting for? It's about time you make a move in the direction of your primary goal; if you don't, you may lose sight of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Working out a tricky arrangement over the phone, long-distance, may actually be much simpler than expected. Trust is a major factor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're bound to be surprised by something you most deserve. You'll find yourself in a position to share it with those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't add fuel to the fire as others engage in the sharing of rumors and other falsehoods.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take the ball and run with it; what you do with your resources will make all the difference at this time — and timing, again, is everything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to dispel those myths and fears that others are still promoting — about you in particular. It's time for more of the truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be overdoing it these days, and now is the time to regain control and let self-discipline get you back on track.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be so changeable and unpredictable that others are unwilling to give you any individual authority. Don't stand in your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You won't be content doing the same old things — and you may be able to score a major victory in an unusual attempt. Be a little daring.

Letters

Damon's Politics Not News

ALTHOUGH I ALWAYS enjoy reading Express' People page, I was slightly irked to see that Matt Damon's political opinion was considered newsworthy enough to make the cut ("Matt Damon Has No Idea What It's Like Out on the Ice," Sept. 11). First of all, it's no shock that a Hollywood celebrity would speak out against John McCain or Sarah Palin — in reality, a far more newsworthy blurb would include an actor endorsing any Republican ticket. And second, why should a celebrity's opinion be considered any more valid than any other Ame rican voter's? Sure, Damon's opinion matters — but only as much as the opinions of other voters in this country.

—KATIE MCHENRY
Arlington, Va.

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Johnny Cash died at age 71 in 2003.

2003 Music legend Johnny Cash dies in Nashville, Tenn., at age 71.

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AP

ABBA is shocked, SHOCKED by delay.

TRADE

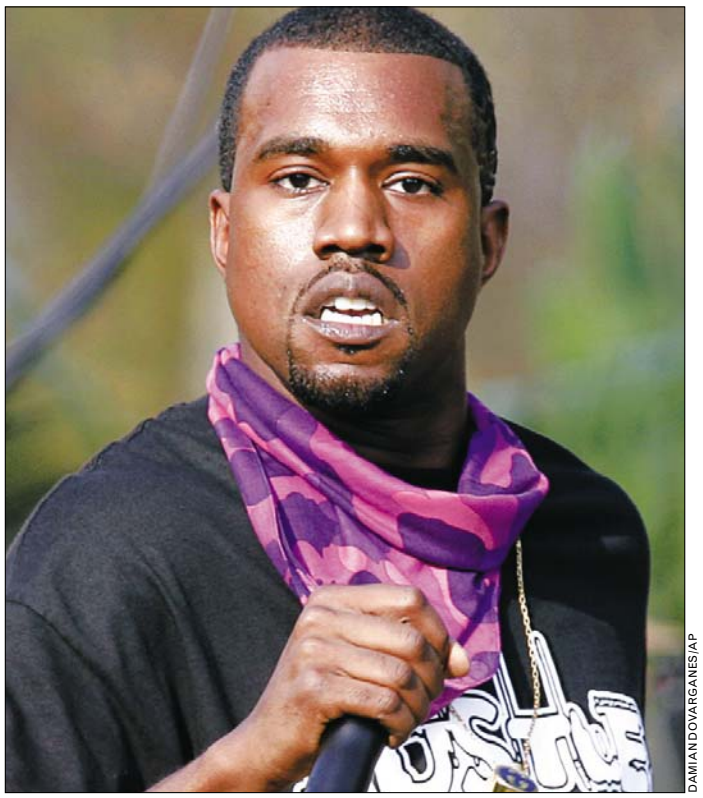
Sweden's Most Valuable Export Cannot Be Rushed

The opening of a museum dedicated to **ABBA** has been delayed. The initial target date was June 2009, but co-founder Ulf Westman said the building's renovation will take longer because it is "more complicated than what was predicted earlier." (AP)

SALARIES

Only Journalism Pays Worse Than T.I.

Lashon Dixon, the mother of two of **T.I.**'s children, has sued the rapper for more child support, claiming she is having a hard time supporting the boys with the $2,000 a month he is providing. (AP)



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TANTRUMS

Paparazzi Payback

KANYE WEST and one of his bodyguards were arrested Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport after an altercation with paparazzi in which the rapper allegedly smashed a camera on the floor. Airport police arrested West and his road manager, Don Crowley, on suspicion of felony vandalism shortly before 8 a.m., LAX spokesman Marshall Lowe said. (AP)

UPSIDES

'Cancer Makes Me Get Mentioned First in Lists'

Beating cancer makes her a better actress.

CHRISTINA APPLEGATE, who has publicly battled breast cancer, will be a presenter at the Emmy Awards, People magazine reported. Applegate, who underwent a double masectomy and says she is now free of cancer, is nominated for an Emmy for ABC's "Samantha Who?" Lauren Conrad, Kiefer Sutherland, Candice Bergen, David Boreanaz, Wayne Brady and Jimmy Kimmel were also announced as presenters, according to People. The awards air at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 on ABC. (AP)

VICIOUS CIRCLE

Mean Shows Make Nice Girl Be Mean About Mean Shows

"Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "Ugly Betty" star **AMERICA FERRERA** bashed several popular teen soaps in Seventeen magazine's latest issue. "I mean, I love Blake [Lively]; she's a wonderful friend of mine, but shows like 'Gossip Girl' kind of condition us to be mean," she said. "Like, if you're watching 'The Hills' or '90210,' all the backstabbing shapes the way we act." (EXPRESS)

LIES

Heather Mills Wants Novel to Be a Surprise

Paul McCartney ex **HEATHER MILLS** has squashed rumors that she's writing a novel based on her own life. "I am trying to move on, spend time with my daughter and get on with my charitable work. It's been a terrible period for everyone," Mills told People magazine. (EXPRESS)

PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY

Her mouth says no; her eyes say yes.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
An afternoon thunderstorm in spots	Mostly cloudy, thunderstorms	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Mostly cloudy, chance for rain
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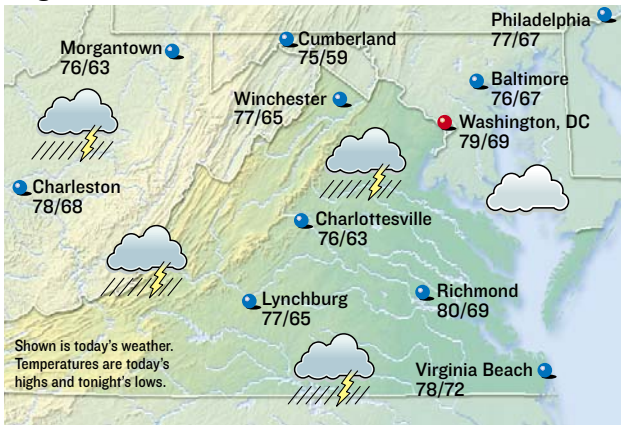
Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	80°
Low	68°
Normal high	81°
Normal low	64°
Average humidity	57%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.08"
Normal month to date	1.38"
Year to date	37.63"
Last year to date	21.49"
Normal year to date	27.75"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, an afternoon thunderstorm. High 79. Wind south 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, thunderstorms. Low 69.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:21 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:58 p.m.
Moonset today	3:42 a.m.

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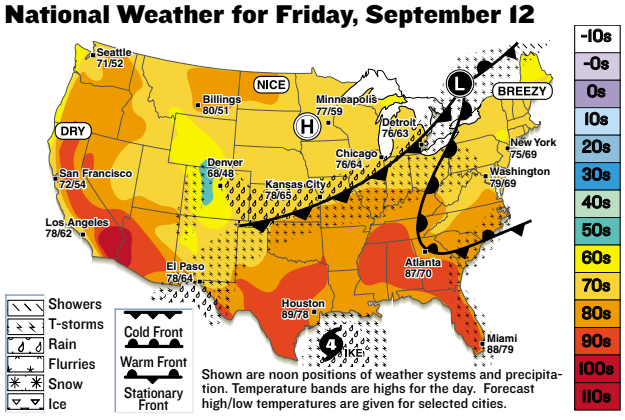
National Weather for Friday, September 12



National Cities

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Boston	72/63/s	76/63/t
Chicago	76/64/r	79/60/r
Dallas	91/75/t	84/73/t
Denver	68/48/r	78/46/pc
Honolulu	86/73/s	88/72/s
Los Angeles	78/62/pc	80/62/pc
Miami	88/79/t	90/78/t
New York City	75/69/pc	81/70/t
Orlando	92/75/t	92/75/t
Seattle	71/52/s	75/54/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	68/54/r	61/45/pc
Athens	88/75/s	92/77/pc
Berlin	72/48/c	63/45/s
Buenos Aires	59/43/pc	63/39/s
Calgary	58/37/r	62/42/pc
Dublin	61/48/sh	63/52/pc
Geneva	64/48/sh	56/53/r
Moscow	48/43/r	45/41/sh
Rome	82/68/pc	77/60/pc
Sydney	70/54/pc	75/55/pc
Tokyo	83/71/s	81/72/c

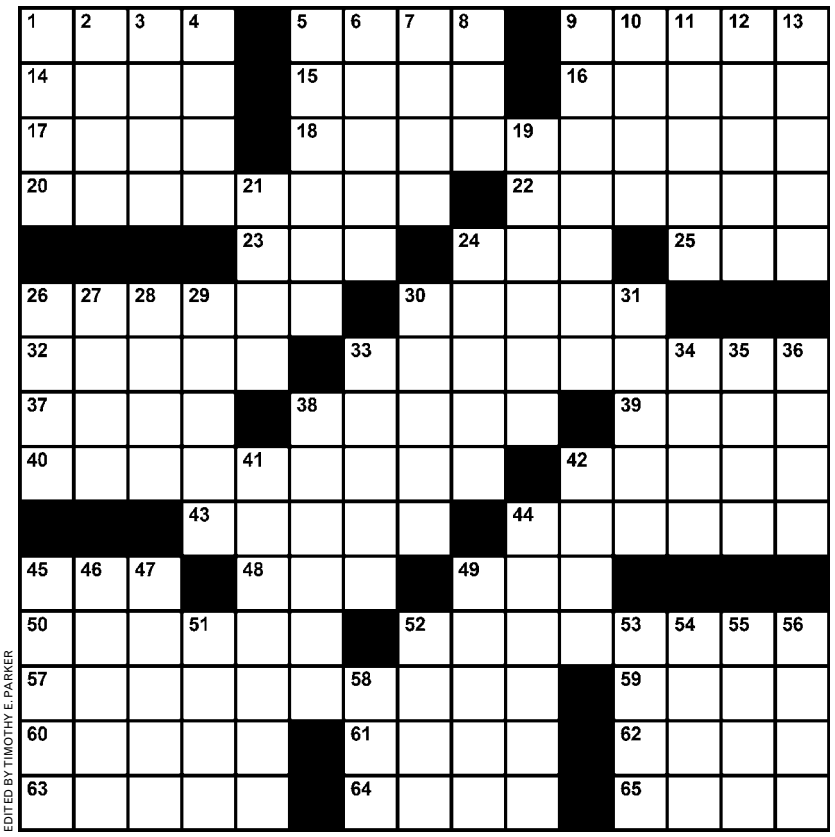
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | CD COLLECTION

ACROSS
1 Club alternatives, briefly
5 Exclamation of sorrow
9 Island off Manhattan
14 Abrupt transition
15 Barber-turned-singer Perry
16 Suppress completely
17 Act like a wolf
18 CD high over a field?
20 CD in a liquor store?
22 Hang it up
23 Ryder Cup side
24 According to
25 Mexico's leader?
26 Snitch
30 Accessory for Wonder Woman
32 Collection
33 CD filled with kisses?
37 Courtroom outburst
38 Mover's supply
39 "Dies ___" (Mass hymn)
40 CD in Maryland?
42 Casual attire
43 Small and medium
44 Establishes
45 Scandal sheet
48 Rental for someone on the move?
49 Architect I.M.
50 Spain's peninsula
52 CDs on sticks?
57 CD filled with money?
59 Side by side?
60 Fashionable Lauder
61 Flyspeck
62 Custard concoction
63 Take off a wool coat
64 Hissed nudge
65 Phoenician trading center of old

DOWN
1 Political coalition
2 Small construction company?
3 Dark and handsome companion?
4 Went over the limit
5 Point the finger at
6 Poet Federico Garcia
7 Uncontrolled way to run
8 Mollifying concession
9 Tender of the prince's horses
10 Deadly sin
11 Cato's tongue
12 French ship that transported the Statue of Liberty
13 Molelike mammal
19 Is apprehensive about
21 In a proper manner
24 Yearned
26 Softest mineral
27 Verdi's "Caro nome," e.g.
28 Coal porter?
29 They're saved for a rainy day
30 Prepares for takeoff
31 "Au revoir!" relative
33 Witch's group
34 Country in "rain"
35 It may cover a lot
36 Dame of the piano
38 Place to buy a hookah
41 Partition
42 Fall in with
44 Domesticated polecat
45 Prepares potatoes, in a way
46 Embarrass
47 Heroic story
49 They're well-versed
51 Earthbound bird
52 Some USN ranks
53 Off one's trolley
54 Air France airport
55 Trucker's selection
56 On one's trolley?
58 Roadie's tote



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Yesterday's Solution

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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Last Week's Solution

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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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Yesterday's Solution

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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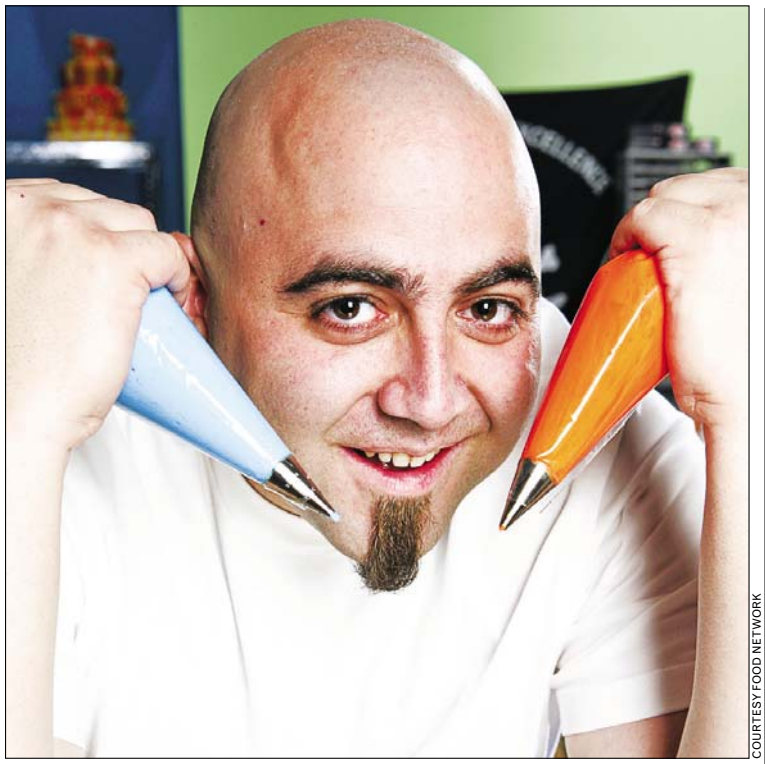
LAWRENCE LUK

"SOMETIMES MY FACIAL HAIR IS A STRIPE OR A DASH OR A TRIANGLE. IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I PLAY WITH. THE HAIR IS AN ART FORM." E2

face Q+A time

Instead of culinary school snots, the man Food Network viewers know as "Ace of Cakes" exclusively hires art school grads to work in his Baltimore bake shop. He'll explain why Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Corcoran. And if you want to get on his good side, ask about his sweet ride (a jet-black '62 Corvette) and his rock band (he's the bass player).



COURTESY FOOD NETWORK

Duff Goldman

BAKER, HAIRSTYLIST, BACON-LOVER

How did you realize cake was your artistic medium?
When I first started out, I made a cake for a couple that wanted something Gustav Klimt-inspired. I got this idea that I would do one that looked like "The Kiss." So, the wedding was at this winery, and I was bringing the cake into a barn to put onto a barrel, when the sun started setting. I had used all of these awesome golds and metallics, and the cake just started to glow. And I knew I had to do more of this.

Where do you fall on the buttercream versus fondant debate?
All of our cakes have fondant because it's so much more versatile, and you can do so much stuff to it. But buttercream tastes better. So, we frost everything with buttercream and then cover it with fondant, so they can peel it off. Fondant is just what you play with. We get all of these people saying it's gross that we touch the cakes a lot and don't wear gloves, but we wash our hands and nobody eats the fondant anyway. So, shut up.

How did you get the name Duff?
My real name is Jeffrey. But when my parents told my older brother, "This is Jeffrey," he kept saying, "Duffy." My parents said, "Call him what you want," and then they started calling me Duffy, too. So, when I started school, the teacher reached "Jeffrey Goldman" on the roll call, and I didn't say anything. I didn't know that was my name. In college, I dropped the "y" to be cooler. But if my name was Jeffrey Goldman, I'd be a CPA right now.

And what about your hairstyle?
I was going home during college and I had these big dreadlocks — long enough to chew on. I was leaving at 10 o'clock at night, and I had to stay awake, so I drank a lot of coffee. I get home and my mom answers the door at 6 a.m., and I'm standing there with these dreadlocks. And in my weakened mental state, I allowed her to give me a haircut. Then I needed to shave my head. And I loved it, so I kept it. Now if it gets more than a 30th of an inch, I can't take it. Since I don't want to look like Shel Silverstein, I have to shave my face, too. Sometimes my facial hair is a stripe or a dash or a triangle. It's a little something I play with. The hair is an art form. And you realize the utility of a shaved head. You brush your teeth and you're ready.

> "I'm really good at dressing women. Like, you would look good in a muumuu."

You do cake and hair. What else?
I'm really good at dressing women and knowing what they should be wearing. Like, you would look good in a muumuu, or a print skirt and a baby tee. And it's not just women. Men, too. The problem is I don't have that eye for myself. So, it's a hockey jersey and cargo shorts every time.

Where can we find you hanging out in Baltimore?
We're always at the Ottobar a couple blocks from the bakery in Charles Village. There's an awesome jukebox. And right across the street is the Dizz, which has the best burgers in Baltimore and a vegetarian menu. Half of my staff is vegan, but I'm the Jew who loves bacon.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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Grab Bag

1 Poll My Finger

WITH ALL THIS babble about lipstick on hogs and bridges to nowhere, we already have general-election fatigue. Still, showing up at a polling place in November is everybody's civic duty, a fact demonstrated with nonpartisan flair on Brooklyn jeweler Renee Frances' knuckle-dusting, gold-plated "Vote" ring ($110, Shop.reneefrances.com). Whether the hand that wears it pulls a lever against or for that hockey mom is your choice.

2 The Flock Party

OLD ROAD MAPS, woefully useless in the glove compartment of your Prius, soar again on Contexture Design Workshop's stylish new "As the Crow Flies" mobile ($49, Contexture.ca). Laser-cut from recycled black paper and out-of-date cartography, the eco-sleek ceiling candy could feather a baby's room, an entryway or a home office. And if you put a fan on near the dangly darling, the effect is pure Alfred Hitchcock in a creepy, Tippi Hedren-was-here way.

3 Big Style, Few Bucks

SURE, THRIFT STORES can yield fab bargains, but sometimes it's hard to envision whole outfits as you trawl the racks. It's easier to see how cheap chic can be at the Fashion of Goodwill Runway Show Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the French Embassy (Tickets $150, Fashionofgoodwill.org). Models strut in both vintage and contempo pieces from Goodwill. All pieces will be sold via a virtual auction on the same Web site starting Sept. 19.

4 Eco Footprints

RECYCLING YOUR morning paper. Making a pot of coffee from fair-trade beans. Whipping up omelets from organic, farmers market eggs. You're so eco-minded in the morning, your roommates call you Ed Begley Jr. Give them more to talk about by slipping into Simple's new house slippers ($55, Simpleshoes.com). Sewn of organic cotton fleece and wool felt, the squishy-soled, ultra-comfortable babies come in neutrals for him and her, as well as some girl's-only styles in blue and pink. For some mysterious reason, they weren't made in green.

5 Glow If You Want To

THE SUMMER FADES and with it go the skin-cancerous tans and the chemical-scented fake tans. Somewhere in between is spray-on, wash-off body makeup, which is always called something else, like "mist," "airbrush" or, in this case, "mousse." Lorac's TANtalizer Award Show Glow ($32, Sephora) purports to firm as well as impart the aura of bronzed youth and health dictated by the Western ideal of female beauty.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've fallen for a guy who's my opposite. Me: a first-year associate at a white-shoe law firm. Him: the lead singer in a emo-core band. The problem is that I have to emo-up my look so I don't stand out so much when I go to his shows. What would you recommend? — MONICA

■ Manolo says, the Manolo imagines that if he were the first-year law associate, submerged in the dreary sub-basement of his firm, buried under

that mountain of meaningless petty paperwork which is the diet of the new lawyer, the Manolo would, like Keats, also find himself half in love with "easeful death," or perhaps Morrissey, which is the next best thing.

And as far as the rock 'n' roll fashions go, the emo movement is not the most egregiously offensive, as long as one can ignore the drippy, asymmetrical, dyed-black-hair-in-the-eyes thing. What is there not to like about drainpipe black jeans and the black T-shirt? It is low-maintenance, stylish and yet dreary enough to satisfy the most devoted lover of My Chemical Romance or Tokio Hotel. As for the feetwear, the Manolo would recommend the Converse, John Varvatos Vintage Court Slip-ons ($95, Zappos.com). The Manolo owns the pair of these, so you know they must be good!

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Cocktails and garnishes made by Gina Chersevani, mixologist at EatBar (2761 Washington Blvd.; Arlington; 703-778-9951). **Photo by Lawrence Luk.**

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Add Sass to Your Glass

Make or buy wild cocktail garnishes for your next party

Jars of brightly colored berries, beans and peppers line the back shelves of Arlington's EatBar (2761 Washington Blvd.; 703-778-9951). No, the gastropub hasn't been invaded by a canning-mad housewife. This is actually the pickled, preserved and bottled arsenal of bar manager Gina Chersevani.

Like many modern mixologists, she's taking matters into her own hands when it comes to drink garnishes, banishing the food coloring-loaded maraschino cherries and limp celery sticks of the past for homemade — yet easy — drink additions.

Merriam-Webster defines a cocktail as a blend of alcohol and flavoring ingredients. But it's the trimmings — the slice of farmers market fruit perched on the rim of that appletini, the bacon strip subbing for the celery in a Bloody Mary — that can launch a cocktail from classic to first-class.

Scott Beattie, a California wine country-based bartender and author of the upcoming book "Artisanal Cocktails: Drinks Inspired by the Seasons at the Bar at Cyprus" ($17, Ten Speed Press), says that garnishes can transform a highball into a full sensory experience.

Call it aroma (or visual) therapy in a pretty glass. "Cold cocktails don't really have a scent, so you can pinch herbs, cut fresh fruit and use visuals to make people want the drink before they've sipped it," says Beattie. It's an idea that works as well chez you as it does at your favorite watering hole.

But before going crazy and dropping a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup into that Manhattan or a tequila worm into your margarita, remember that good garnishing takes a little practice. Think about the flavors of the cocktail — sweet, sour, plain, complex — before plopping something into that glass.

Like a chef, try to either match or contrast flavors — maybe a spicy jalapeno with a tangy grapefruit gimlet or mint in that sweet bourbon julep. Chersevani, for instance, marries the tanginess of cheese with the sweetness of chocolate in her unusual St. Pete's Denial, a blend of white chocolate liqueur, vodka and a bleu cheese reduction garnished

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GLASS ACTION: At EatBar, mixologist Gina Chersevani uses unusual cocktail garnishes including (clockwise from near left): chocolate (left, in her cheese- and chocolate-powered St. Pete's Denial); house-made pickled sweet peppers, curried cherries and pickled lemons; pickled watermelon rinds and lavender seeds; and a simple slice of cucumber, shown perched atop her Gnome's Water highball, a blend of Hendrix's Gin, Cointreau, lemon and lime juices, lavender syrup and cucumber water.

with chocolate, all inspired by a restaurant cheese platter.

Sometimes, it's about recasting a standard drink with new ingredients. So, while olive juice (and an olive garnish) once reigned in dirty martinis, bartenders now float their own flavors, notably pickles.

"If you pickle things in-house, any vegetable can replace an olive," says Adam Bernbach, bartender at Bar Pilar (1833 14th St. NW; 202-265-1751). Every Tuesday night, Bernbach assembles a new menu of innovative beverages, experimenting with a veritable produce aisle of pickled garnishes. Not just for the folks at Vlasic or Claussen, pickles can be made easily at home. Simply pour hot vinegar, salt and spices over the fruit or veggie of your choice, then seal it in a canning jar. Chersevani pickles watermelon rinds; look for them soon at her bar in a sweet-and-sour pickled gin cocktail with an unusual goat cheese whip.

The end-of-summer produce glut at farmers markets means you can load up on ingredients for garnishes now and preserve them for cocktails later. "This is the time when I plan ahead," says Chersevani. "It's the opposite of what a chef does with seasonality. I want to buy now but save things to use in fall and winter."

Right now, she's simmering pitted cherries with pomegranate juice and curry leaves, and curing miniature bell peppers in olive oil to toss into concoctions during colder months.

While pickles add a vinegary, piquant taste to drinks, candied fruits or veggies bring sweetness, crunch and can take the edge off stronger flavors. Chersevani candies horseradish for her champagne cocktail, which gives a pungent nose with just enough punch to cut the dryness of the cava.

> "COLD COCKTAILS DON'T REALLY HAVE A SCENT, SO YOU CAN PINCH HERBS, CUT FRESH FRUIT AND USE VISUALS TO MAKE PEOPLE WANT THE DRINK."

Rico Wisner, the mixologist at Penn Quarter's Poste Brasserie (555 8th St. NW; 202-783-6060), plays with textures to jazz up his drinks. He creates dehydrated fruit leathers, a gourmet take on the roll-up, to preserve the flavors of berries, peaches and plums. He adds fresh herbs from the restaurant's garden along with spices to draw out different flavors. He'll plonk the leathers in hot toddies later this fall.

Beattie uses the same technique of cooking thinly sliced fruit in a 150-degree oven for three to five hours to make apple, peach, pear and persimmon chip embellishments. "You can top the slices with herbs, flowers, spices or even crushed peppermint before baking them on a Silpat [nonstick baking mat]," he says.

No time to make fancy garnishes in advance? Even things from the supermarket (or your herb box) can make happy unions with greyhounds, gimlets et al. "Flowers are a great choice, as long as you know that they're edible," says Wisner. Mark Indre, 30, a frequent party host who lives in Columbia Heights, enjoys putting herbs and fruit into his potions. "This summer I made a gin-based drink topped with thyme-skewered raspberries," says the public relations pro. Bernbach favors tarragon to sharpen blanco tequilas, while Wisner creates syrups, like a tarragon-lemon balm from his garden.

Whether you throw a simple lime slice or a quail egg you've lovingly pickled into a glass, remember that a garnish should enhance the cocktail experience, not make guests nervous or confused. Be generous with trimmings and set out a bowl of cheese-stuffed olives so partiers can help themselves. Prep those brandy-soaked cherry twists in advance so you aren't frantically tying stems as guests wander in.

Thankfully, cocktail-making comes with no real rules. Ruin one Sidecar with a marshmallow garnish? Pour it down the drain and start over. If nothing else works, chop herbs to mix into salt or sugar. They can sit for a spell before guests arrive without wilting, melting or falling apart.

Then, relax, pour yourself a tall, cool one, and rest assured that if anything goes wrong with dinner, at least your guests get to sip attractive, tasty drinks. "A garnish can be as simple as a sugared rim," says Beattie. "What you use should represent something about the cocktail. It should make you want to taste it and look at it." ERIN HARTIGAN

GARNISHES TO GO

No need to get all Martha Stewart about things. You can jazz up your gin with a store-bought garnish and make it just as seductive.

RICK'S PICKS WHUPS ASP ($12.99; Rickspicksnyc.com) pickled asparagus add zip — and an element of surprise — to a classic martini.

TOIGO'S BOURBON PEACHES ($10; Toigoorchards.com) provide extra sweetness and oomph in a julep or spicy ginger cocktail.

HERBS ($2-$5, grocery stores) Mint, lavender, rosemary and their ilk all zip up concoctions, especially if you candy sprigs of them by coating in egg white and dipping them into a bowl of sugar. (Let dry for an hour before serving.) Candied mint is muy delicioso in a mojito.

PRESERVED LEMONS ($8 lbs.; Whole Foods), traditional in Moroccan cuisine, bring a juicy, tart tang that's perfect in sangria.

PICKLED GINGER ($3 or so; most grocery stores), normally seen cozied up to California rolls, also tastes zesty in a champagne cocktail. E. H.

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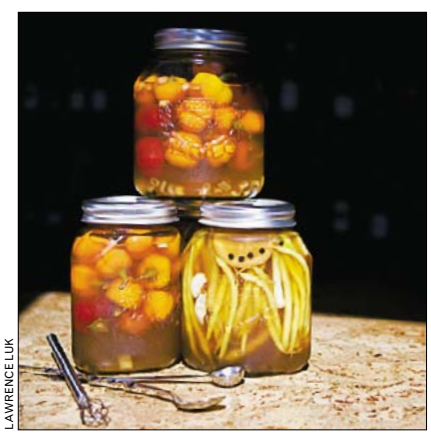

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Miniature Pickled Cocktail Peppers

COURTESY GINA CHERSEVANI, EATBAR

- 4 cups cider vinegar
- 1 1/3 cups filtered water
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 2 tbsp peppercorns
- 1 tbsp coriander seeds
- 3 bay leaves, preferably fresh
- 3 tbsp of kosher salt
- 1 1/2 lbs. miniature bell peppers
- 6 scallions, whites only

BRING TO A BOIL the first seven ingredients for five minutes. Evenly distribute the peppers in three canning jars, adding two scallions per jar. When the vinegar and spice mixture has boiled, pour over the peppers and scallions, covering the peppers, but leaving room at the top.

Add seal and tighten the jars. Set a large pot of water to boil, then submerge jars in boiling water pot for 30 minutes. Remove jars from the water, allow to cool, making sure that jars seal (you will know, because the lids will invert), then store in a cool, dark place.

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Be a Shear Genius

A new book delves into the world of DIY haircutting

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It sounds like the first item in a "Top 10 List of Bad Ideas": cutting your own hair. But taking the shears into your own hands doesn't have to end in tears, says Marsha Heckman, a former San Francisco talent agent who, with her two hairstylist sisters, wrote the new book "How to Cut Your Own Hair" ($17, Black Dog & Leventhal). Don't fire your beautician yet, though: While maintaining a look need not require constant salon trips (the same goes for kids' cuts), more complex styles are not to be tried at home. We spoke to Heckman about how and why one would reach for the scissors.

Self-administered haircuts seem disastrous. Why do it?

Because you can save money between professional style appointments — and it's creative. You can take pride in doing something creative yourself. The book gives an opportunity to see how to trim kids' hair and to not have to pay every time you need maintenance for your hair. We really have become more money-conscious. Everything a family can do to save money is a good thing.

What's the main thing people should know before attempting to cut their own hair?

It doesn't work unless you have really sharp scissors. With a dull scissor, the hair will split; it won't cut. It pushes the hair without cutting it, making it uneven and more difficult. It used to be that you could only get the good scissors if you were a professional, but now with all these beauty stores, they're available to the public. You don't have to spend a lot of money to get a good pair of sharp scissors with slender blades.

Are there certain types/textures of hair that are easier to cut?

Curly hair hides mistakes better than straight. I don't think there's a big difference between thin and thick hair in terms of doing the cuts. But there are some things you need to keep in mind whatever kind of texture you have. In the book, we talk about which kinds of haircuts are better for each texture of hair and also for the shape of the face.

> "Some people would never go without bangs — they'd feel naked."

You talk a lot about trimming bangs. Can anyone wear them?

Some people would never go without bangs — they'd feel naked. Usually, women with short hair and kids have bangs. It really depends on the shape of your face. High foreheads are best with bangs. The standard for Western beauty is an oval face. The hair can enhance by framing your face, hiding corners, making it appear fuller, minimizing wide or really high foreheads.

Why are haircuts done wet?

It gives you more control, enables you to cut an even line. And combing wet hair doesn't hurt your head.

What should be absolutely avoided in DIY hair care?

Besides blunt scissors, it would be impatience. You have to be patient to do these things, and if you're patient. you can make the sides even with one another. Probably the biggest problem is making it uneven. EMILY BARTON

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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Rob Singmaster, Sara Wolfe

Rob, 29, is an economist. Sara, 26, is an analyst. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** An informal ceremony and reception in Arlington on Sept. 13.

■ **How They Met:** On the dance floor of Clarendon Grill.

■ **First Impressions:** "'She's a worse dancer than I am!' Just kidding. 'She's beautiful.'" "He was the tallest guy there and cute, too!"

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Chadwicks in Georgetown.

■ **How He Proposed:** Since Sara's grandparents won't be able to travel to the wedding, Rob popped the question while the couple visited her grandparents' New Hampshire lake house. "It was so thoughtful of him. I grew up going to that house, and he knew it would be a very special place for me."

■ **Their Song:** Journey's "Open Arms." "Rob loves '80s music, and who doesn't love Journey?"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Sara gets mad when we get lost on road trips. So, I suggested she always drive. That helps."

■ **Making It Unique:** "We're handing out champagne in mini-bottles to guests getting on the bus to the reception," says Rob.

■ **When She Knew:** "I realized being around Rob made me a better person. There's nothing better than spending the rest of your life with someone who constantly brings out the best in you."

"I beat him at basketball one day. He wasn't too happy."

A Match Made in Oil

In the 1990s, both RISHI HINGORANEY'S and JESSICA WILKIE'S parents lived in Saudi Arabia, so the self-dubbed "Aramco Brats" grew up together on the same company compound. But when their families later moved back to the United States, the two lost touch — until November 2004. Jessica was walking to Arlington's Guarapo when Rishi pulled up at a light and spotted her. "I rolled down my window and yelled her name," he recalls. "Funny thing is, it wasn't my usual route home." When they met up a few weeks later at Russia House for drinks, reminiscing quickly turned into romance. Three years later, Rishi popped the question on a pier while they vacationed in Montreal.

"Rishi Pie" and "Pookie" will wed Sept. 13 in an outdoor Hindu ceremony in Chevy Chase. "We've hired a drummer to play an Indian dohl for his entrance and a sitar player for mine," says Jessica. Nothing too fancy, says Rishi, except, "I'll be riding a freakin' horse!"

Rishi, 30, is a lobbyist. Jessica, 31, is a real estate agent. They live in the District.

Lori Karbeling, Lance Speidell

Lori, 28, works for Georgetown University Hospital. Lance, 33, works for the National Parks Conservation Association. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** An outdoor ceremony followed by a semiformal reception in Gainesville, Va., on Sept. 13.

■ **How They Met:** While playing in the Dupont division of the World Adult Kickball Association. "He was reffing one of my games and called a strike on me that I thought was a ball. I turned around with a look of annoyance only to notice this cute skinny guy."

■ **First Date:** A stop at the DC Improv followed by billiards and karaoke.

■ **How He Proposed:** Lance tricked Lori by saying they needed to dress up for a work holiday party. After dinner at Alexandria's Chart House, they walked along the waterfront, where Lance dropped to one knee. "Lori just kept saying, 'Oh, my God.' She paused only to grab the ring out of the box and put it on. I eventually asked her, 'Is that a yes?'"

"I don't remember the disputed call but am certain I got it right," says Lance.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Over passing gas in front of one another," says Lori. "The surprising part is which of us was proflatulence," says Lance.

■ **When She Knew:** "Probably four months into our relationship. My father had just passed away, and Lance was my rock."

Matt Baughman, Amy Easton

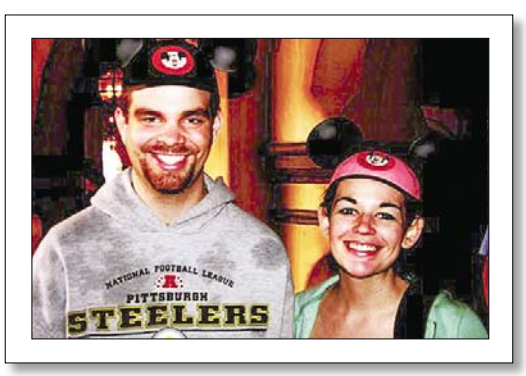
Matt, 26, is a production coordinator. Amy, 26, is a theater arts teacher. They live in Germantown.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal outdoor wedding in Frederick on Sept. 13.

■ **How They Met:** During a production of "The Rocky Horror Show" with the Landless Theatre Company. "Fate stepped in, and the actor who was originally cast as my love interest dropped out of the show," says Amy. "Matt was asked to play the role."

■ **First Date:** "We sat through 20 minutes of 'Pirates of the Caribbean,'" says Matt. "We were talking so much, we were annoying people around us."

■ **How He Proposed:** While performing "Red Herring" last September, they once again played love interests. "On the final night, after the curtain call, he surprised me with a proposal in front of the entire audience."



■ **Their Song:** "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley. "We were at the Silver Diner in Rockville when we first started dating. Matt put a quarter in the jukebox at our table and requested it."

■ **Pet Names:** Amy is "'Strega Amelia,'" says Matt. "I don't know why." Amy calls Matt "'My Heart.' I started doing it after I watched the awful 'Saved by the Bell' episode where Screech calls his girlfriend, Violet, 'My Heart.'"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Anytime we are deciding where or what to eat," says Matt.

■ **Mmm, Cake:** Two flavors: red velvet fudge and lemon mousse.

■ **When He Knew:** "When I saw her in a hospital room without any makeup on. She looked like an angel."

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